

Local Selective Service Bd. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Address of Local Bd. Concord Mass.  
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Marital Status D; Marriage Date 1926-44; Maintains home with \_\_\_\_\_;  
Wife Children Children's ages

## Classification Record

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Form 3006  
U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
September 1964

**APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RETIREMENT DEDUCTIONS**  
Read instructions on back of sheet carefully before executing this application  
(SUBMIT THROUGH AGENCY WHERE LAST EMPLOYED)

CLAIM CSR

1. NAME (First) (Middle) (Last)			FORMER NAME, if any		2. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year)	
Mr. Carleton Stevens Coon			none		June 23, 1904	
3. DATE OF TERMINATION OF SERVICES (Month, day, year)		4. TITLE OF LAST POSITION				
August 11, 1945		Consultant				
6. DIVISION OR BUREAU OR FORCE OR SERVICE			7. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT (city and State)			
			Washington DC			
8. PREVIOUS CLAIMS HAVE BEEN FILED BY ME AS FOLLOWS (see instruction 3): none						
9. We, the undersigned, certify that we personally know the applicant herein to be the above-described person and that he (or she) is the person who signed the application.						
SIGNATURE OF FIRST WITNESS			10. I hereby declare that the above statements made this _____ day of _____, 19____, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
ADDRESS (Number and street) (City and State)			SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>Carlton Stevens</i>			
SIGNATURE OF SECOND WITNESS			NUMBER AND STREET 92 Washington Avenue			
ADDRESS (Number and street) (City and State)			CITY AND STATE Cambridge, Massachusetts			

**THIS ENCLOSED SPACE FOR USE OF UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

E. O. D. _____		NET DEDUCTIONS: \$ _____		DEDUCTIONS AFTER 1/23/42 WITHHELD: \$ _____	
DATE OF SEP. _____		TONTINE PAID: \$ _____		TONTINE WITHHELD: \$ _____	
DED. BEGAN _____		INTEREST: \$ _____		ERRONEOUS DEDUCTION <input type="checkbox"/>	
SERVICE (years—months) _____		TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____		MILITARY SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/>	
EXAMINER _____		INTEREST COMPUTER _____		REASON FOR SEPARATION _____	
REVIEWER _____		INTEREST CHECKER _____		DATE VOUCHERED _____	



OFFICE PAY TA CARD

Coon, Carleton S. 0-92429 Major, AMS  
 (Name) (Serial number) (Grade and arm or service)

Over 0 years' service 4th pay period years completed  
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Monthly base pay and longevity \$ 250.00  
 Additional pay for F/S 25.00  
 Rental allowances 105.00  
 Subsistence (30 day month) 63.00  
 Date 1/31/44 Total, \$ 443.00

Dependents (state names and addresses):  
 Wife: Mary Goodale Coon, 41 Jordan Ave.  
 Wakefield, Massachusetts.

Evidence of dependency (mother) filed with voucher No.  
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Accounts of 300.00  
 Allotments, class E, \$ 400.00 \$  
 Insurance, class D, \$ Class N, \$ 8.30  
 Pay reservations, class A, \$  
 Other deductions, \$

Subsequent changes in above data with dates thereof:  
 \*Discontinued eff 5/31/44  
 Cl. E \$300.00 eff 6/1/44

Changes affecting pay will be entered here and maintained up to date.  
 W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 77  
 March 26, 1942



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**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GROUP	
NUMBER IN GROUP 2	

1. THIS PAGE TO BE RETAINED IN FILES.

Date 14 June 19 44

2. OF: SO MED 3. By J. Blaise de Sibour Tel. 2063 Room 2257  
(Office or Branch) (Travel Sponsor) Bldg. Que

4. SUBJECT: DATES OF APPROVALS RECEIVED BY TRAVEL SPONSOR.

Overseas transportation and orders have been requested for each individual specified in this form to travel under the conditions and to the destination described below:

5. Traveler or group leader Coon Carleton S. Major AUS 0-925129  
(Last name) (First name) (Initial) (Rank/Grade) (Service) (Serial number)  
(Names of individuals in group are listed on reverse side of this form and a table of organization is attached if necessary)

6. Address (Residence or quarters) 2141 Que Building Tel. No. 2317  
(Number) (Street) (City)

7. Official station Washington 8. Starting point Washington 9. Availability or readiness date 6/14 10. Travel by #3 Air  
(City) (City) (Date) (Air, sea)

11. Destination and itinerary Algiers

12. Change of station Temporary From SO Washington To SO Algiers  
(Permanent or temporary) (Office or Branch, and location or station) (Office or Branch, and location or station)

13. Reporting for duty to Strategic Services Officer Returning to Washington On (Approx. date) 1 September 1944  
(If for duty to travel) (If for duty to travel) (If for duty to travel)

14. Considered routine 15. Expenses paid from vouchered funds. 16. Expense, \$ 1280 17. To be charged 3101-44  
(If routine or secret) (Vouchered or special) (Expense, \$) (To be charged)

18. Identification with OSS is authorized. 19. Official courier designation is not requested for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Is) (Is not) (Is) (Is not) (Specify name of individual or individuals)

20. Equipment to be taken ☒ .45 Caliber Pistol and Accessories. ☐ Technical Specialist Certificate (For military personnel only) Other equipment Special OSS Equipment  
(Specify or attach table of equipment)

21. Civilian clothing (for service personnel) is not authorized. 22. Excess baggage allowance in the amount of 25 lbs. is requested  
(Is) (Is not) (In excess of 55 lbs. by air, 175 lbs. by sea)

**PRIOR TO DEPARTURE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS WILL HAVE BEEN MET**

23. Documents: (Passports and visas; draft board, exit, and re-entry permits; Special Orders, etc.) ☒ Not required; ☐ Obtained.

24. Medical examinations and immunization completed ☒

Approvals on signed pages of this request have been received from the following officials:

Finance Officer, dated \_\_\_\_\_; Theater Officer, dated \_\_\_\_\_; Security Office dated \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:  
TRAVEL SPONSOR—

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 14 June 1944  
OFFICE OR BRANCH CHIEF—  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

THEATER COMMANDER—

Cable date 6/9/44 "OM-IN" No. 6746 Target date \_\_\_\_\_ Priority designation AFHQ 30611 #3 Air

Space below is for use of Transportation Office only

Transportation Office No. \_\_\_\_\_ Group No. \_\_\_\_\_ Section No. \_\_\_\_\_

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# SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL IN TRAVEL GROUP

16-38453-1 GPO

TYPE	ARMY		NAVY	MARINE	CIVILIAN		TOTAL
	MALE	FEMALE			MALE	FEMALE	
Officers	2				x x x x	x x x x	2
Enlisted					x x x x	x x x x	
Civilians	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x x x x x	x x x x x x x x			2
TOTAL	2						

## LISTING OF INDIVIDUALS IN TRAVEL GROUP

	NAME	RANK OR GRADE	SERVICE	SERIAL NUMBER	SECURITY EXPIRES
1	Coon, Carleton S.	Major	AUS	0-925129	
2	Browne, Gordon H.	Captain	AUS	0-925579	
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D/ : 14 June 1944

TO: Personnel Officer SSO  
A.L. Havens

FROM: Security Officer

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COPY IN EACH FILE

SUBJECT: Overseas Travel Approval

In reply to your request of 14 June 1944, the following subject(s) is hereby approved for overseas travel: (are)

*Captain Gordon H. Browne	6640
Major Carlton S. Coon	5649

\*Kindly furnish this office with two photos of this Subject.

Subjects are not authorized to carry classified documents overseas.

The Overseas Travel Approval granted in this letter Expires Ninety Days from Date. Extension of this approval beyond expiration date will be determined by the Security Office, OSS, upon request.



OSS FORM 2800a, Rev.  
1 March 1944

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OF TRAVEL SPONSOR'S CHECK SHEET  
(Numbers below correspond  
to numbering on OSS Form (2800))

INDIVIDUAL	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GROUP	
NUMBER IN GROUP <u>2</u>	

Form to be dated 12 June 1944

1. The addressee is printed on pages 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8. When the form is typed up, detach pages 3, 4, and 5 and type in under item 1:

Chief, Finance Branch or  
Chief, Special Funds Branch

2. FROM: MED-SO (Office or Branch) 3. By Lt. Frank (Travel Sponsor) Tel. ext. 2317 Bldg. Que

5. Traveler or group leader COON Carleton S Major AUS 0-925129  
(Last name) (First name) (Initial) (Rank/Grade) (Service) (Serial number)  
(Names of individuals in group are listed on reverse side of this form and a table of organization is attached if necessary)

6. Address (Residence or quarters) prior to departure Same as sponsor (Number) (Street) (City) Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Official station Washington, DC 8. Starting point Same 9. Availability or readiness date Immediate Air #3 AFHQ 30611  
(City) (City) (City) (Air, sea)

11. Destination and itinerary Algiers

12. Change of station Temporary (Permanent or temporary) From SO-Wash., DC (Office or Branch, and location or station) To SO-Algiers (Office or Branch, and location or station)

13. Reporting for duty to CO-OSS-Algiers Returning to SO Wash. DC On/about 1 Sep 44  
(Approx. date)

14. Travel considered Routine (Routine or secret) 15. Expenses paid from Voucher funds. 16. Estimated expense, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Allotment Acct. to be charged 3101-44  
(Vouchered or special)

18. Identification with OSS is (Is) (Is not) authorized. 19. Official courier designation not (Is) (Is not) requested for not applicable (Specify name of individual or individuals)

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24. Medical examinations and immunization completed ☒

Special Instructions

CM-IN # ~~11870~~ 6746 9 June 44

On page 4 type in the space provided above item 1:

(Comm. Officer, Hdq. and Hdq. Det.; or  
Comm. Officer, Naval Command; or  
Chief, Finance Branch)

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Civilians.....	X X X X	X X X X	X X X X X X X X	X X X X X X X X			
TOTAL.....	2						2

## LISTING OF INDIVIDUALS IN TRAVEL GROUP

	NAME	RANK OR GRADE	SERVICE	SERIAL NUMBER	SECURITY EXPIRES
1.	BROWNE, Gordon H.	Capt	AUS	0-925579	
2.	COON, Carleton S	Maj	AUS	0-925129	
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: C. O., Hq & Hq Det.  
Attention: Lieut. Gaskill  
FROM: Chief, SO  
SUBJECT: Travel Orders - Major Carleton S. Coon

DATE: 8 April 1944

1. Request cancellation of the subject's travel orders issued February 27.

For Chief SO:

Harold H. Bennett  
1st Lt. Harold H. Bennett, AUS  
Army Liaison Officer, SSO

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~~23. 2324 F St. N.W.~~  
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201-Coon, Carleton S. (0)

8 April 1944

SUBJECT: Amendment of Travel Orders.

TO : The Adjutant General, Rm. 1050, Munitions Bldg., War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

1. Request that so much of letter order AG 201 Coon, Carleton S. (24 Feb 44)PO-A, Subject: Orders, dated 25 February 1944, as reads "from Washington, D.C. to Marine Corps Base, Pendleton, California on temporary duty for approximately sixty (60) days" be amended to read "from Washington, D. C. to Marine Corps Base, Pendleton, California and such other places within the Ninth Service Command at such times as may be necessary on temporary duty for approximately ninety (90) days."

2. It is requested that Major Carleton S. Coon, be authorized to vary his itinerary, as may be necessary in the accomplishment of this mission.

For the Commanding Officer:

E. R. GASKILL,  
1st Lt., A.U.S.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

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To be returned to  
Mr. Cheston after Col. R.  
and Major Allen have read  
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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7 February 1944

8 February 1944

FROM: Area Operations Officer, ME-SO  
TO: Commanding Officer, Hq. & Hq. Detachment  
THROUGH: (a) Middle East Theatre Officer  
(b) Deputy Chief, SO  
(c) The Personnel Officer, SSO  
SUBJECT: Request for transfer of Major Carleton S. Coon, ASN O-925129

1. Pursuant to verbal agreement, it is requested that Major Coon be transferred from SO-ME to SO-US. But primarily will be concerned with building up his physical condition.

2. In connection with this transfer, it is agreed by ME-SO that the slot will be transferred with Major Coon.

C. S. WILLIAMS  
Area Operations Officer, ME-SO

The above request is approved by the following:

(a) Middle East Theatre Officer (b) Deputy Chief, SO  
by \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
Lt. Colonel, USA  
Deputy Chief, SS  
(c) The Personnel Officer, SSO  
by \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

7 February 1944

To: Mr. Scribner

Subject: Major Carleton Coon

I have arranged that Major Coon will go out to Area A-3 tomorrow or the next day where he will do a certain amount of instruction but primarily will be concerned with building up his physical condition. I have spoken to Colonel Missal who approves highly of this idea and who promises to keep his eye on Major Coon very closely. Major Coon also thinks that it is a fine idea and understands that no decision will be made as to his ultimate disposition until we are assured by Colonel Missal that physical and mental condition warrants it.

*WPD*

WILLIAM P. DAVIS III  
Lt. Colonel, FA  
Deputy Chief, SO

*Wpd: fmc*

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## Coon

Nov. Poor Planning - no time for necessary preparation

What was his mission

Poor radio discipline

Apr - No prior arrangement for map or ground location

Large radios except for under cover work

no spare batteries for bazookas -

Citation for Lt Gordon

Transport for OSS missions

Proper equipment for personnel

<sup>basic</sup> Training & responsibilities of officers



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Office of Strategic Services  
Washington, D. C.  
August 4, 1943

VIA AIR POUCH

Colonel Gustav B. Guenther  
Office of Strategic Services  
JICAME  
American Legation  
Cairo, Egypt

Subject: Major Carleton Coon

Dear Colonel Guenther:

I believe the subject officer is known to you as a result of your slight acquaintance with him in Algiers, and you are undoubtedly aware of his major accomplishments in the North African Theater prior to, during, and after the invasion.

We were delighted that you wanted him in the Middle East as it was both the General's and the writer's opinion that his experience under Colonel Eddy would be of immense value to your people in your operations in the Balkans.

Major Coon has had a good deal of experience in Albania, and in his professional capacity, is one of the outstanding anthropologists in this country. His record with OSS is such that combined with his previous Albanian experience, it is our belief that you can lean very heavily on him for operational work in the field. It is not the writer's belief that he should be confined to any more duty at headquarters than is absolutely necessary.

Major Coon returned from the North African Theater on May 17th, had four weeks of much needed leave, and was then brought back into Washington SO Headquarters and has familiarized himself with structures, functions, etc. as will be helpful to you people in Cairo. Please feel free to call on him for any viewpoints in which you are interested, which pressure on us here has prevented our transmitting to you in written form.

Major Coon has posted himself on the characteristics, intended functions, etc. of such groups as the Kay Group and the Parachute Unit, and also the people we are sending who were prepared for the David Project, but who will be equally useful on other projects.

Major Coon, as you know, has done a good deal of work with the British SOE, and I believe he maintains a very pleasant reputation with them. He is personally acquainted with CD, and I believe his presence in your Theater will be helpful from this facet.

Kind regards and every good wish to you and the SO staff.

Sincerely yours,

R. Davis Halliwell  
Lt. Commander, USNR  
Chief, SO

MVB



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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

CHIEF - SO

MOVEMENT ORDER  
 NUMBER: 9  
 ISSUED: 27 July 1943  
 EFFECTIVE: 27 July 1943

SUBJECT: MOVEMENT ORDER - HNM-1

1. The following personnel is hereby assigned to duty with the above-named undertaking:

COOM, CARLETON S., MAJOR, AUS

2. The Administrative Officer will arrange in consultation with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and the Special Relations Division of OSS for dispatching of the above-named personnel to Cairo by the most direct and best available means of transportation.

3. The above-named personnel will report for duty, on arrival, to Colonel Gustav Gunther, Strategic Services Officer, Cairo, or, in his absence, to such officer as designated by him.

R. Davis Halliwell  
 Lt. Commander, USNR,  
 Chief - SO

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Stoddard Hancock  
 Stoddard Hancock  
 Administrative Officer,  
 SO Branch

W. A. G. Form No. 21, June 16, 1942

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# EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY CARD



W.D. A.G.O. FORM NO. 43, JUNE 16, 1942

0925129

(SERIAL NUMBER)

Coon,

(LAST NAME)

CHECK ONE ☒ OFFICER

☐ ARMY NURSE

☐ WARRANT OFFICER

☐ ENLISTED MAN

☐ A.S.C.

☐ W.A.A.C.

Carleton

(FIRST NAME)

S.

(MIDDLE INITIAL)

Major, AUS

(ORGANIZATION)

RACE

(CHECK ONE)

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☐ (HAWAIIAN)

☐ (AMER. IND.)

☐ (FILIPINO)

☐ (P.R.)

☐ (OTHER)

Sudbury

(CITY)

PERMANENT OR LEGAL RESIDENCE

Mass.

(STATE)

PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Mrs.

(MR - MRS - MISS)

Mary

(FIRST NAME)

G.

(MIDDLE INITIAL)

Middlesex

(COUNTY)

Coon

(LAST NAME)

wife

RELATIONSHIP

Massachusetts

(STATE)

ADDRESS OF PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED

41 Jordan Avenue,

(STREET NO. & NAME)

Wakefield

(CITY)

Mary

(FIRST NAME)

G.

(MIDDLE INITIAL)

Coon

(LAST NAME)

LOST OR MISLAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE SHIPPED TO:

Mrs.

(MR - MRS - MISS)

same address

(STREET NO. & NAME)

(CITY)

(COUNTY)

WHOSE ADDRESS IS:

DATE 7-19-43

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL

*Carleton S. Coon*

DATE

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REPORT OF ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY

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Hq & Hq Detachment, OSS,  
(Organization)

To: The Adjutant General.

Washington 25, D. C.  
(Station)

17 July 1943  
(Date)

- (1) NAME: Carlton Stavens Coon 0925129  
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Serial No.)
- (2) GRADE AND BRANCH: Major NO AUS  
(Grade) (Branch) (CIC, NGUS, OR AUS)
- (3) AUTHORITY: Par. 20, S.O.: 198, Hq: War Department, 17 July 1943  
(Date of Order)
- (4) DATE OF ENTRY UPON ACTIVE DUTY: 17 July 1943  
(Date of entry is ordinarily date officer left home if such date is on  
or subsequent to the effective date shown in the order.)
- (5) REPORTED FOR ACTIVE DUTY: 17 July 1943  
(Date actually reported at station as shown on organization records.)
- (6) REMARKS:  
(Explain reason for officer's delay, if any, in complying with orders.)
- (7) SIGNATURE: Report will be signed by both the officer reporting for active duty and the Adjutant or other officer representing the Commanding Officer. Name, grade and organization of officers signing this report must be typed in or printed under their signatures.

For the Commanding Officer:

*H. E. Lenocker*  
H. E. LENOCKER,  
2d Lt., A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

1 Incl.

Copy of extract of special order if NOT issued by War Department.

IMPORTANT

MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICER: At the time you report for duty at your first station, present this form to the Adjutant or other officer to whom you report. If you were a Warrant Officer, or Enlisted-man of the Regular Army, discharged to accept commission, please attach separate statement showing permanent non-military home address (This is desired to protect your mileage and other rights upon relief from active duty).

Noted: CSC

*Carlton Coon*  
(Signature of officer reporting for duty.)

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## WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY  
REFER TO AG 201 Coon, Carleton Stevens  
(16 Jul 43)FR-A

WASHINGTON

16 July 1943

SUBJECT: Temporary Appointment.

To: Mr. Carleton Stevens Coon,  
6 Whittemore Terrace,  
Wakefield, Massachusetts.  
Temp. Add: Office of Strategic Services,  
Room 2047, Q Building,  
Washington, 25, D. C.  
(Temp. Appointed Major AUS)



1. By direction of the President you are temporarily appointed and commissioned in the Army of the United States, effective this date, in the grade and section shown in the address above. Your serial number is shown after A above.

2. This commission will continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being, and for the duration of the war and six months thereafter unless sooner terminated.

3. There is inclosed herewith a form for oath of office which you are requested to execute and return promptly to the agency from which it was received by you. The execution and return of the required oath of office constitute an acceptance of your appointment. No other evidence of acceptance is required.

4. This letter should be retained by you as evidence of your appointment as no commissions will be issued during the war.

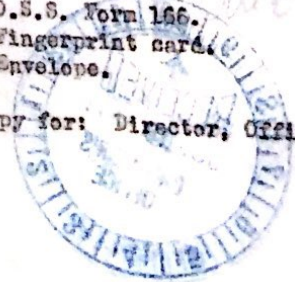
5. It is desired that you submit together with your oath of office a statement in writing showing the name of the State in which you were born.

4 Inclosure:  
Form for oath of office.  
D.S.S. Form 166.  
Fingerprint card.  
Envelope.

Copy for: Director, Office of Strategic Services.

By order of the Secretary of War:

*[Signature]*  
Major General.  
The Adjutant General.



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Symbols: DP--By direction of the President.  
TDN--Travel directed is necessary in military service.  
WP--Will proceed to  
TPA--Travel by officer or his dependents by privately owned automobile is authorized. DS for officer's travel is authorized, par. 1 g, AR 605-180  
AD--Active Duty.

Special Orders )

WAR DEPARTMENT

No. 198 )

17 July 1943

Washington,

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Paragraph 20. DP following officer ordered to AD WP fr home to sta on date indicated. TDN. P 431-01,02,03,07,08, A 0425-24. All dates are 1942 and personnel of AUS unless otherwise indicated:

Grade, Name, Section and Home Address	Eff. Date of Duty	Branch and Station to which assigned.	Date of rank
MAJ CARLETON STEVENS COON 0925129 Wakefield, Mass (Now at Washington 25, D C)	17 July 1943	O of Strategic Serv, Washington, D C to rpt to TAGO Rm 1048 Muni-tions Bldg	17 July 1943

By order of the Secretary of War:

Official:

J. A. ULIO,  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

G. C. MARSHALL,  
Chief of Staff. mh

a true copy Carleton S. Coon Major



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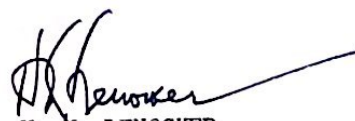
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
Room 2047, Building "Q"  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

16 July 1943

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Dr. Carleton S. Coon was appointed a Major in the Army of the United States as of today; however, War Department orders ordering him to active duty have not as yet been received.

For the Commanding Officer:

  
H. K. LENOCKER,  
2d Lt., A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

AUS, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D. C.

~~Yes-overseas duty~~

~~Yes~~

~~No~~

~~G. EDWARD BUXTON, ACTING DIRECTOR.~~

Office of Strategic Services

200-141 July 1943 12 July 1943

SUBJECT: Release and Pay and Conversion Justification,  
Coon, Carleton Stevens Massachusetts

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TO: June 23, 1904 Married 2 3-AH

Major

Special Operations Branch, Office of Strategic Services

With the application of 6,000 March, 1942 present  
the Army of the United States, the following is submitted:

1. That the applicant will be released from Federal  
February 2, 1943 employment in the Office of Strategic Services. No not applicable No  
upon his appointment to the rank of Major in the  
Army of the United States.

2. That he has civilian training and experience for  
the position beyond that normally provided at  
Officer Candidate Schools and there is critical  
need of his services, and that he is specially  
6-30-43 x qualified individual. x x x not req x x x not req x

Office of Strategic Services, Room 2047, Q Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D. C.

date of orders

4. That the position cannot be adequately filled by  
AUS, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D. C. required duties  
necessitate contact with military personnel and  
knowledge of military operations.

Yes-overseas duty

Yes

No

G. EDWARD BUXTON, ACTING DIRECTOR.

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Acting Director.



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201 Coon, Carleton Stevens

10 July 1943

SUBJECT: Release and Pay and Conversion Justification,  
Carleton Stevens Coon.

TO: The Director, Officer Procurement Service.

With the application of Carleton Stevens Coon for commission in the Army of the United States, the following is submitted:

1. That the applicant will be released from Federal employment in the Office of Strategic Services upon his appointment to the rank of Major in the Army of the United States.
2. That he has civilian training and experience for the position beyond that normally provided at Officer Candidate Schools and there is critical need for his services, and that he is a specially qualified individual.
3. That no pay increase will result in the conversion from civilian to the commissioned status requested.
4. That the position cannot be adequately filled by civilian personnel because the required duties necessitate contact with military personnel and knowledge of military operations.

The applicant has been specially trained by the Office of Strategic Services for a period of sixteen months and is destined for immediate assignment overseas. He has a background of six languages. The applicant in civilian life is a noted anthropologist and is an authority on native tribes in the theater to which he will be assigned. He knows various tribal leaders in this theater as a result of his scientific research expeditions.

G. EDWARD BUXTON,  
Acting Director.

In accordance with Directive of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-1, 9 March 1943, AG 210.1 (3-5-43) PR-A-1, Subject: Increase of Procurement Objective (Strategic Services), the following information is furnished:

Applicant has been specially trained by the Office of Strategic Services for a period of sixteen months and is destined for immediate assignment overseas.

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10 July 1943

JOB DESCRIPTION IN THE CASE OF CARLETON STEVENS COON

The applicant will be assigned to the Special Operations Branch of the Office of Strategic Services for overseas duty.

The applicant will, upon commissioning, be sent to the Near East Theater for special subversive and demolition work. He will be responsible for physical subversion in enemy or enemy occupied or controlled territory. He will promote, organize and equip partisan groups and operational nuclei for guerrilla warfare, will instruct and use allied agents in modern methods of sabotage and will furnish the necessary implements and weapons of resistance.

The applicant is well qualified for the assignment by reason of his specialized training of sixteen months in the Office of Strategic Services, his special operational work in the North African Theater for one year for the OSS, his wide world travel and study, and his linguistic background of six languages. The applicant in civilian life is a noted anthropologist and is an authority on native tribes in the theater to which he will be assigned. He knows various tribal leaders in this theater as a result of his scientific research expeditions.

In accordance with Directive of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-1, 9 March 1943, AG 210.1 (3-5-43) PR-A-A, Subject: Increase of Procurement Objective (Strategic Services), the following information is furnished:

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SPECIAL RELATIONS SERVICES  
(Ext. 627-628-629)

PERSONNEL REQUEST FOR OVERSEAS TRAVEL

201 Coon, Carleton Stevens

There is not readily available in the Army an officer having the

Special Relations Services and obtain a Transportation  
From: Special Relations Officer, Thomas H. Buxton Date July 9, 1943  
qualifications of the applicant for the assignment. Brig. 214 Room 1118 18

- 1) Name of Traveler Carleton S. Coon Trans. Security No. \_\_\_\_\_  
2) Considered: Secret ☒ Confidential ☐ Routine ☐  
3) Address prior to departure Roger Smith Hotel Room 906 Home to 214 Room 906  
4) Destination Cairo Departure Date July 20, 1943  
5) Travel Required by ☒ Ship G. EDWARD BUXTON,  
6) Type Passport: Regular ☐ Acting Director. ☐  
7) Passport: Secured by Self Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
8) Papers for Passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Required	(Check List)	Secured
Identification Card		
Birth Certificate		
Previous Passport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Notification of Departure		
Photograph (2x2)		
Identification Letter		
Fee - \$1. or \$10.		
Biography for Clearance		

9) List of Passports

Required	(Check List)	Secured
United Kingdom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Other		

Qualifications	Required	Physical	Small	Yellow	Tet-	Chol-	Ty-
(Check List)	Secured	Exam	Box	Card	Fever	era	phus
		Army	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

11) Transportation

Required	(Check List)	Secured
Military Orders		
Travel Order		
Trans. Request		
Air Trans. Form		
Steamship Form		
Special Letter		
Export License		
Exit Permit		

- 12) Baggage Excess  
13) Tickets Purchased: On 1st  
Independently or 2nd or 3rd  
For Cash \_\_\_\_\_  
14) Field Office to be notified of arrange-  
ments by G. E. Holden  
Authorized under \_\_\_\_\_

- 15) Special Remarks: Baggage 7. 1st class, 1st.  
etc.  
(For the Director)  
(Special Services)  
(Finance Clerk Made)  
(Security Clerk Made)

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**SPECIAL RELATIONS SERVICES**  
(Ext. 627-628-629)

**PERSONNEL REQUEST FOR OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

First call Special Relations Services and obtain a Transportation Security Number. Then make up this form in duplicate, sending SIGNED ORIGINAL to SRS, and retaining copy for your file.

To: Special Relations Officer (Name) Thomas Danburg Date July 9, 1943  
From: Originating Officer (Name) G. R. Holden Bldg. Que Room 2118 Tel 3218

- 1) Name of Traveller Carleton S. Coon Trans. Security No. \_\_\_\_\_  
2) Considered: Secret ☒ Confidential \_\_\_\_\_ Routine \_\_\_\_\_  
3) Address Prior to Departure Roger Smith Hotel Room 906 Home Tel NA2740 ext 906  
4) Destination Cairo Departure Date July 20, 1943  
5) Travel Required by: Air ☒ Ship \_\_\_\_\_ Special \_\_\_\_\_  
6) Type Passport: Regular \_\_\_\_\_ Special ☒ Military \_\_\_\_\_  
7) Passport: Secured by --SRS ☒ Self \_\_\_\_\_; Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date issued \_\_\_\_\_  
8) Papers for Passport

Required	(Check List)	Secured
	Application Form	
	Birth Certificate	
	Previous Passport <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Naturalization Papers	
	Photographs (Suggest 8)	
	Draft Release	
	Identification Letter (SRS)	
	Fee - \$1. or \$10.	
	Biography for Clearance	

Passport to be valid for (countries) \_\_\_\_\_

9) List of Visas & Time Limits

Required	(Check List)	Secured
	United Kingdom, 6 mos.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Egypt</u>	

(Additional on back of sheet)

Inoculations (Check List)	Required	Physical Exam	Small Pox	Ty-phoid	Yellow Fever	Tet-anus	Chol-era	Ty-phus	Blood Typing
	Secured	army	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	cert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B

Transportation		
Required	(Check List)	Secured
	Military Orders	
	Travel Order	
	Trans. Requests	
	Air Trans. Form	
	Steamship Forms	
	Special Letters	
	Export License	
	Exit Permit, etc.	

- 12) Baggage Allowance \_\_\_\_\_ Excess Baggage \_\_\_\_\_  
13) Tickets Purchased: On T.R.'s \_\_\_\_\_  
Independently \_\_\_\_\_ Military Order \_\_\_\_\_  
For Cash \_\_\_\_\_  
14) Field Office to be notified of arrangements by G. R. Holden  
Authorized under (Proj. No. etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Section Chief)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(For the Director)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Special Services)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Finance Check Made)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Security Check Made)

Special Remarks (Baggage Forwarding, mail, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

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TO: Mr. William Mudge

DATE: July 8, 1943

FROM: Security Office

SUBJECT: Coon, Carleton S. - BB 5649-W

In accordance with your request of July 3,  
1943 subject is hereby approved for overseas  
travel.

  
Weston Howland  
Security Officer

The Oversea Travel Approval granted  
in this letter  
EXPIRES

NINETY DAYS FROM DATE  
Extension of this approval beyond  
expiration date will be determined  
by the Security Office, OSS,  
upon request.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Civil Affairs Office

July 3, 1943.

Dr. Carlton S. Coon,  
American Legation,  
Tangier.

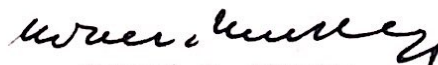
Dear Dr. Coon:

The Honorable Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in a telegram of June 22, 1943, makes reference to the gratification expressed by him on November 18 at the successful results of our policy in North Africa. At that time Mr. Hull states that the work performed by our Foreign Service in carrying out its appointed tasks as well as in maintaining our relations in the North African territories during a most difficult period in his opinion was outstanding. He asked that his deep appreciation of the faithful assistance and cooperation be conveyed to the personnel of our offices in Algiers, Tangier, Casablanca and Tunis. The Secretary extended his congratulations and thanks to every member of the staffs at those posts.

In his present message the Secretary suggests that letters expressing appreciation of their services be addressed to the officers who contributed in such a signal manner to the success of the North African operations.

It is a great pleasure to comply with this agreeable instruction. It also affords me an opportunity to add my personal thanks for the splendid cooperation and effective contribution which you gave throughout a difficult and trying period.

Faithfully yours,



Robert D. Murphy  
Chief Civil Administrator

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
REQUEST FOR SECURITY INVESTIGATION

TO: Security Office

DATE: 7/3/43

FROM: Wm. Mudge JMW

SUBJECT: Carlton S. Coon

Will you please conduct a security investigation on the Subject whose Personal History Statement (SA-1 Form) is attached. (Put crosses in appropriate boxes.)

- 1) The Subject is being considered for work on the Staff ☒, in the field ☒, and an open ☐, discreet ☒, investigation is recommended.
- 2) The investigation may reveal ☒, should not reveal ☐, interest on the part of the Government.
- 3) The present employers of the Subject may know ☒, should not know ☐, that he is being investigated.
- 4) The Subject himself may know ☒, should not know ☐, he is being investigated.
- 5) Copy of SA-5 should go to Navy Liaison ☐, HQ and HQ Detachment ☐. (Do not request extra copy unless necessary.)
- 6) In the original contact with the Subject did he approach OSS ☐ or did OSS seek him ☐?
- 7) Remarks: (Under this section please note especially any references, past employers, etc., who should not be approached by our investigators with the reasons therefor, as well as any other pertinent facts bearing on the case.)



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
REQUEST FOR SECURITY INVESTIGATION

TO: Security Office

DATE:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

*Mr. Sexton*  
*Wm Mudge JRS*  
*Carlton S. Coon*

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*7/7/43*

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*An overseas check is requested.*

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In reply refer to Initials  
and No.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON

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July 2, 1943

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: COON, Prof. Carleton S.; Recommendation  
for Commission.

1. I have had the privilege of knowing Professor Coon for a period of well over ten years, as a personal friend and as a colleague at Harvard University.
2. Professor Coon is an outstanding anthropologist. His professional writings and his teaching have been marked by brilliant and original thinking, and his capacity for carrying a heavy burden of work is exceptional. Professor Coon has carried out extensive research work in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, and he is as much at home among the native peoples of those areas as he is in the museums and laboratories of Cambridge.
3. Professor Coon's loyalty and patriotism are beyond question, he has the highest personal and scientific integrity and, if commissioned, I feel confident that he will reflect credit on the uniform he wears. It is a pleasure to recommend that his application for a commission be accepted.

James M. Andrews,  
Lieut., U.S.N.R.  
(Statistical Officer,  
Division of Naval Intelligence)

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S.O.

Mr. Weston Howland  
Harold J. Coolidge  
Dr. Carleton S. Coon

July 2, 1943

I am very pleased to endorse the security of Dr. Carleton S. Coon who has been a teaching colleague of mine at Harvard for many years. He is a man of high integrity and great loyalty. I only wish that we had more people like him to carry forward various phases of the work that OSS is doing.

He is thought highly of by his associates on the Harvard Faculty as well as by a host of students and many friends.

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H. J. C.

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SEC. 1. PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Executive 6100  
ext.2318

A. FULL NAME Miss CARLETON STEVENS COON TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT ADDRESS Roger Smith Hotel, Washington D.C. Room 906  
St. & No. City State Country

LEGAL RESIDENCE Sudbury, Mass.  
St. & No. City State Country

B. NICKNAME Carl ANY OTHER NAMES THAT YOU HAVE USED \_\_\_\_\_

none UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE YOU EVER USED THESE

NAMES? none

HOW LONG? n.a. IF A LEGAL CHANGE, GIVE PARTICULARS n.a.

n.a. When

Where By what authority?

C. DATE OF BIRTH June 23, 1904 PLACE OF BIRTH Wakefield Mass USA  
City State Country

RACIAL ORIGIN THROUGH MOTHER American THROUGH FATHER American

D. PRESENT NATIONALITY American BY BIRTH? Yes BY MARRIAGE? \_\_\_\_\_

BY NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE # \_\_\_\_\_ ISSUED \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Court

AT \_\_\_\_\_ City State Country

HAVE YOU HAD A PREVIOUS NATIONALITY? NO WHAT? \_\_\_\_\_

HELD BETWEEN WHAT DATES? \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ ANY OTHER NATIONALITY? \_\_\_\_\_

(663)



n.a.

GIVE PARTICULARS:

HAVE YOU TAKEN STEPS TO CHANGE PRESENT NATIONALITY? no GIVE PARTICULARS:

E. LAST U.S. PASSPORT: NUMBER, DATE AND PLACE OF ISSUE Special 14969  
issued at Washington, May 4, 1942.

HOW MANY OTHER U.S. PASSPORTS HAVE YOU HAD? many GIVE APPROXIMATE DATES:

I do not remember; probably 1922, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1929, 1932,  
1933, 1939, 194x

PASSPORTS OF OTHER NATIONS? Sudan Govt, 1933, when I lost my US passport.

F. IF BORN OUTSIDE U.S. WHEN DID YOU FIRST ARRIVE IN THIS COUNTRY? n.a.

PORT OF ENTRY? n.a. ON PASSPORT OF WHAT COUNTRY? n.a.

LAST U.S. VISA n.a.  
Number Type Place of issue Date of issue

## SEC. 2. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

AGE 39 SEX Male RACE White HEIGHT 6'0" WEIGHT 180  
EYES blue HAIR gray COMPLEXION medium SCARS base rt. thumb  
BUILD heavy OTHER DISTINGUISHING FEATURES none

## SEC. 3. FATHER (GIVE THE SAME INFORMATION FOR STEP-FATHER AND/OR GUARDIAN ON A SEPARATE SHEET)

FULL NAME John Lewis Coon  
First Middle Last  
LIVING OR DECEASED Deceased DATE OF DECEASE Oct 1941 CAUSE cancer o f colon  
PRESENT, OR LAST, ADDRESS 5 Whittemore Terrace Wakefield, Mass., U.S.A.  
St. & No. City State Country  
DATE OF BIRTH 1878 PLACE OF BIRTH Wakefield Mass USA  
City State Country  
CITIZENSHIP USA WHEN ACQUIRED? birth WHERE? n.a.  
City State Country  
OCCUPATION Importer LAST EMPLOYER was boss.  
EMPLOYER'S OR OWN BUSINESS ADDRESS 152 Congress St. Boston Mass.  
St. & No. City State Country  
MILITARY SERVICE FROM none TO none BRANCH OF SERVICE none  
Date Date  
COUNTRY none DETAILS OF OTHER GOV'T SERVICE, U.S. OR FOREIGN



SEC. 4. MOTHER (GIVE THE SAME INFORMATION FOR STEP-MOTHER ON A SEPARATE SHEET)

FULL NAME Bessie Carleton Coon  
First Maiden Last  
 LIVING OR DECEASED living DATE OF DECEASE \_\_\_\_\_ CAUSE \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRESENT, OR LAST, ADDRESS 6 Whittemore Terrace Wakefield, Mass  
St. & No. City State Country  
 DATE OF BIRTH 1880 PLACE OF BIRTH Fitchburg Mass USA  
City State Country  
 CITIZENSHIP USA WHEN ACQUIRED? birth WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Country  
 OCCUPATION housewife LAST EMPLOYER none  
 EMPLOYER'S OR OWN BUSINESS ADDRESS n.a.  
St. & No. City State Country  
 DETAILS OF GOV'T SERVICE, U.S. OR FOREIGN n.a.

SEC. 5. BROTHERS AND SISTERS (INCLUDING HALF-, STEP-, AND ADOPTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS)

FULL NAME John Lewis Coon J.  
First Middle Last  
 PRESENT ADDRESS Winchester Mass USA  
St. & No. City State Country  
 FULL NAME Maurice Putnam Coon  
First Middle Last  
 PRESENT ADDRESS 6 Whittemore Terrace Wakefield Mass  
St. & No. City State Country  
 FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last  
 PRESENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
St. & No. City State Country

SEC. 6. MARITAL STATUS

A. SINGLE \_\_\_\_\_ MARRIED Yes DIVORCED \_\_\_\_\_ WIDOWED \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE DATE, PLACE AND REASON FOR SEPARATION OR DIVORCE n.a.  
 B. WIFE OR HUSBAND (IF YOU HAVE BEEN MARRIED MORE THAN ONCE USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR FORMER WIFE OR HUSBAND AND GIVE REQUIRED DATA FOR ALL PREVIOUS MARRIAGES)  
 NAME Mary Goodale Coon PLACE & Wakefield Mass  
First middle; (for wife, maiden) Last DATE OF MARRIAGE March 5, '26  
 (HER OR HIS) ADDRESS BEFORE MARRIAGE 41 Jordan Avenue Wakefield Mass  
St. & No. City State Country  
 LIVING OR DECEASED living DATE OF DECEASE \_\_\_\_\_ CAUSE \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRESENT, OR LAST, ADDRESS 41 Jordan Avenue Wakefield Mass.  
St. & No. City State Country



SEC. 6. MARITAL STATUS (CONT'D)

DATE OF BIRTH Jan 29, 1906 PLACE OF BIRTH Colorado Springs Colorado  
City State Country  
 RACIAL ORIGIN THROUGH FATHER USA THROUGH MOTHER USA  
 CITIZENSHIP USA WHEN ACQUIRED? birth WHERE? n.a.  
City State Country  
 OCCUPATION housewife LAST EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMPLOYER'S OR OWN BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
St. & No. City State Country  
 MILITARY SERVICE FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ BRANCH OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Date  
 COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ DETAILS OF OTHER GOVT. SERVICE, U.S. OR FOREIGN \_\_\_\_\_  
Interceptor Command, Boston, winter of 1942-43.

SEC. 7. FATHER-IN-LAW

FULL NAME Roy Lewis Goodale  
First Middle Last  
 LIVING OR DECEASED deceased DATE OF DECEASE 1914  
 PRESENT, OR LAST, ADDRESS I do not know  
St. & No. City State Country  
 RACIAL ORIGIN white USA BIRTH Arizona  
City State Country  
 CITIZENSHIP USA WHEN ACQUIRED? birth WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Country

SEC. 8. MOTHER-IN-LAW

FULL NAME Flora Adams Goodale  
First Maiden Last  
 LIVING OR DECEASED living DATE OF DECEASE \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRESENT, OR LAST, ADDRESS 41 Jordan Avenue Wakefield, Mass.  
St. & No. City State Country  
 RACIAL ORIGIN white USA BIRTH 1878 1878 Michigan  
City State Country  
 CITIZENSHIP USA WHEN ACQUIRED? birth WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Country

SEC. 9. CHILDREN OR DEPENDENTS (INCLUDE PARTIAL DEPENDENTS)

NAME Carleton S. Coon Jr. RELATIONSHIP son AGE 16  
 NATIONALITY American ADDRESS 41 Jordan Avenue, Wakefield, Mass.  
St. & No. City State Country  
 NAME Charles Adams Coon RELATIONSHIP son AGE 12  
 NATIONALITY American ADDRESS same as above.  
St. & No. City State Country  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
St. & No. City State Country

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SEC. 10. RELATIVES BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE OR ADOPTION, WHO LIVE ABROAD, ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A FOREIGN POWER ARE NOT CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, OR ARE MARRIED TO NON-CITIZENS:

NAME none RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ St. & No. City State Country  
 REASON FOR LISTING UNDER THIS QUESTION \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ St. & No. City State Country  
 REASON FOR LISTING UNDER THIS QUESTION \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ St. & No. City State Country  
 REASON FOR LISTING UNDER THIS QUESTION \_\_\_\_\_

SEC. 11. RELATIVES BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE, IN MILITARY, NAVAL OR OTHER GOV'T SERVICE - U.S. OR FOREIGN

NAME Maurice P. Coch RELATIONSHIP brother AGE 26  
 NATIONALITY American ADDRESS 6 Whittemore Terrace Wakefield Mass  
 TYPE AND LOCATION OF SERVICE (IF KNOWN) works for Army Engineers, as civilian  
camouflageur, Boston.  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ St. & No. City State Country  
 TYPE AND LOCATION OF SERVICE (IF KNOWN) \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ St. & No. City State Country  
 TYPE AND LOCATION OF SERVICE (IF KNOWN) \_\_\_\_\_

SEC. 12. GIVE FIVE CHARACTER REFERENCES - IN THE U.S.

NAME: Arthur R. Howe ADDRESS Dorchester House, Washington D.C.  
 NAME: Archibald MacLeish ADDRESS Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.  
 NAME: L. Cabot Briggs ADDRESS OSS Security Office, Washington  
 NAME: Dr. Henry Field ADDRESS OSS Washington  
 NAME: Dr. James B. Conant ADDRESS Washington



SEC. 13. NAMES OF 5 PERSONS WHO KNOW YOU SOCIALLY IN THE UNITED STATES. NOT REFERENCES OR EMPLOYERS

1. NAME	Lawrence Winship	ADDRESS:	South Sudbury Mass.
2. NAME	Charles Way	ADDRESS:	St. & No. Sudbury Mass City State
3. NAME	A.N. Young	ADDRESS:	St. & No. Sudbury Mass City State
4. NAME	Ralph Morse	ADDRESS:	St. & No. Sudbury Mass City State
5. NAME	Richard Piper	ADDRESS:	St. & No. Sudbury Mass City State

SEC. 14. GIVE THREE NEIGHBORS AT YOUR LAST NORMAL RESIDENCE IN THE U.S.

NAME:	Miss Fannie Goodenow	ADDRESS:	Maynard Road Sudbury Mass
NAME:	Mr. Albert Burckes	ADDRESS:	St. & No. City State
NAME:	Mr. Ralph Hawes	ADDRESS:	St. & No. City State

SEC. 15. EDUCATION

SCHOOL:	Wakefield Public Schools	ADDRESS:	Wakefield Mass
DATES ATTENDED:	1909-1919	CITY:	State Country
SCHOOL:	Phillips Academy	ADDRESS:	Andover Mass
DATES ATTENDED:	1919-1921	CITY:	State Country
COLLEGE:	Harvard	ADDRESS:	Cambridge Mass
DATES ATTENDED:	1921-1925	CITY:	State Country
COLLEGE:	Harvard	ADDRESS:	same
DATES ATTENDED:	1925-28	CITY:	State Country
		DEGREE:	A.M., PhD

SEC. 16. MILITARY, NAVAL OR OTHER GOV'T SERVICE - U.S. OR FOREIGN

Country	Service	Rank	Dates
USA	OSS	none	March 1942-----
North African Theater	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
REMARKS:	arrived Washington May 21, 1943.	still here July 1, 1943.	



SEC. 17. SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUS

CLASSIFICATION 3-A

ORDER # 10, 825

APPROX. INDUCTION DATE none

BOARD # 54

ADDRESS Concord Mass

IF DEFERRED, GIVE REASON

given permission to leave country for foreign  
service with govt, April 1942.

SEC. 18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED FROM ANY POSITION, OR LEFT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WERE NOT ENTIRELY FAVORABLE? PLEASE GIVE DETAILS:

no

SEC. 19. MISCELLANEOUS

DID YOU EVER HAVE OR DO YOU NOW HAVE MEMBERSHIP IN, OR SUPPORT, ANY POLITICAL PARTY OR ORGANIZATION WHICH ADVOCATES THE OVERTHROW OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES? no IF "YES," EXPLAIN:

DO YOU USE, OR HAVE YOU USED INTOXICANTS? yes

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, INDICTED OR CONVICTED FOR ANY VIOLATION OF LAW OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION? IF SO, STATE NAME OF COURT, CITY, STATE, COUNTRY, NATURE OF OFFENSE AND DISPOSITION OF CASE. no

SEC. 20. FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

ARE YOU ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON YOUR SALARY? yes and no. IF NOT, STATE SOURCES OF OTHER INCOME expect eventual income from my father's estate.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF BANKS WITH WHICH YOU HAVE ACCOUNTS Harvard Trust Co.,  
Cambridge, Mass.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN BANKRUPTCY? no GIVE PARTICULARS n.a.



20. FINANCIAL BACKGROUND (CONT'D)

GIVE three CREDIT REFERENCES - IN THE U.S.

NAME: S.S. Pierce Co ADDRESS Boston City State  
Cambridge, Mass. City State

NAME: Harvard Cooperative Soc ADDRESS St. & No. City State

NAME: no other ADDRESS St. & No. City State

SEC. 21. CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF EMPLOYMENT FOR PAST 10 YEARS. INCLUDE CASUAL EMPLOYMENT.  
 INCLUDE ALSO PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT. GIVE ADDRESS AND STATE WHAT YOU DID DURING  
 PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT. INCLUDE LAST 5 POSITIONS AND COVER AT LEAST 10 YEARS.

EMPLOYER Harvard University TITLE OF JOB Instructor to Associate Professor

ADDRESS Cambridge Mass. City State

YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALTY expedition field work, research, teaching Country

KIND OF BUSINESS: anthropology NAME OF SUPERVISOR Prof. E. A. Hooton

FROM: 1925 TO: 1942 SALARY \$ up to \$6,000 PER year

REASONS FOR LEAVING joining OSS

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE OF JOB \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALTY \_\_\_\_\_

KIND OF BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_ SALARY \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR LEAVING \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE OF JOB \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALTY \_\_\_\_\_

KIND OF BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_ SALARY \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER \_\_\_\_\_

REASONS FOR LEAVING \_\_\_\_\_



SEC. 21. CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY (CONT'D)

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE OF JOB \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
     St. & No.                      City                      State                      Country  
 YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALTY \_\_\_\_\_  
 KIND OF BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_  
 FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_ SALARY \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER \_\_\_\_\_  
 REASONS FOR LEAVING \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE OF JOB \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
     St. & No.                      City                      State                      Country  
 YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALTY \_\_\_\_\_  
 KIND OF BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_  
 FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_ SALARY \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER \_\_\_\_\_  
 REASONS FOR LEAVING \_\_\_\_\_

SEC. 22. RESIDENCES FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS

	May 1942	May 1943
North Africa, various places		
St. & No. _____ City _____ State _____ Country _____	FROM: _____ TO: _____	
Maynard Road Sudbury, Mass.	FROM: 1939 TO: 1942	
St. & No. _____ City _____ State _____ Country _____	FROM: 1940 TO: 1942	
Candy Hill, Sudbury, Mass.	FROM: 1936 TO: 1940	
St. & No. _____ City _____ State _____ Country _____	FROM: 1934 TO: 1936	
Meadowbrook Road Weston Mass	FROM: 1933 TO: 1934	
St. & No. _____ City _____ State _____ Country _____	FROM: 1921 TO: 1932	
41 Jordan Avenue Wakefield Mass	FROM: _____ TO: _____	
St. & No. _____ City _____ State _____ Country _____	FROM: _____ TO: _____	
Waban, Mass.	FROM: _____ TO: _____	
St. & No. _____ City _____ State _____ Country _____	FROM: _____ TO: _____	
Cambridge Mass	FROM: _____ TO: _____	
St. & No. _____ City _____ State _____ Country _____	FROM: _____ TO: _____	
(residences abroad in meanwhile not included, was always on move)	FROM: _____ TO: _____	
St. & No. _____ City _____ State _____ Country _____	FROM: _____ TO: _____	
Wakefield Mass	FROM: _____ TO: _____	
	bbirth 1921	

SEC. 23. RESIDENCE OR TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Europe  
 City or Section \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose \_\_\_\_\_ DATES \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_  
 Central Europe and Morocco  
 City or Section \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose \_\_\_\_\_ DATES \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_  
 Morocco, 1925, 1927-7, 1928, 1939. Albania 1929-30 Russia 1932.  
 Ethiopia & Arabia 1933-34 Azores and Morocco, 1939. North Africa 42-43.  
 Various trips to Canada, Bermuda, Bahamas, Cuba, and European countries  
 in passage to objectives.

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SEC. 23. RESIDENCE OR TRAVEL (CONT'D)

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City or Section	Country	Purpose	DATES	TO
			Month & Year	Month & Year
City or Section	Country	Purpose	DATES	TO
			Month & Year	Month & Year
City or Section	Country	Purpose	DATES	TO
			Month & Year	Month & Year
City or Section	Country	Purpose	DATES	TO
			Month & Year	Month & Year

SEC. 24. CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

LIST NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL CLUBS, SOCIETIES, LABOR UNIONS, PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES, EMPLOYEE GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS OF ANY KIND (INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP IN OR SUPPORT OF ANY ORGANIZATION HAVING HEADQUARTERS OR BRANCH IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY) TO WHICH YOU HAVE BELONGED:

Name	St. & No.	City	State	Country
Harvard Faculty Club		Cambridge Mass.		
American Anthropological Association				
American Association of Physical Anthropologists				
Sigma Xi Scientific Society				
American Association of University Professors				
Elect Member, American Academy of Science				
	St. & No.	City	State	Country
	St. & No.	City	State	Country
	St. & No.	City	State	Country
	St. & No.	City	State	Country

SEC. 25. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

NAME OF CHURCH Congregational  
 ADDRESS Worcester Mass NAME OF MINISTER OR PRIEST Dr. Rice

SEC. 26. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

A. FOREIGN LANGUAGES (STATE DEGREE OF PROFICIENCY AS "SLIGHT" "FAIR" OR "FLUENT")

LANGUAGE	French	SPEAK	fluent	READ	fluent	WRITE	fluent
LANGUAGE	German	SPEAK	fair	READ	fluent	WRITE	fair
LANGUAGE	Spanish	SPEAK	slight	READ	fluent	WRITE	fair slight
LANGUAGE	Portuguese	SPEAK	fair	READ	fair	WRITE	none
LANGUAGE	Arabic	SPEAK	fair	READ	very slight	WRITE	very slight
LANGUAGE	Berber	SPEAK	slight	READ	none	WRITE	none
all other Romance languages		SPEAK	none	READ	fair to fluent	WRITE	none
than those given above							
Albanian							
Ancient Greek							
		slight with practice	none				
		none	fair				none
							fair

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SEC. 26. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS (CONT'D)

B. HAVE YOU ANY SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OR TRAINING WITH RESPECT TO:

MOTOR VEHICLES? no AIRPLANES? no RADIO? no

GIVE PARTICULARS \_\_\_\_\_

C. LIST all SPORTS AND HOBBIES WHICH INTEREST YOU; INDICATE DEGREE OF PROFICIENCY IN EACH.

none

D. HAVE YOU ANY QUALIFICATIONS, AS A RESULT OF TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE, WHICH MIGHT FIT YOU FOR A PARTICULAR POSITION?

those which have led to my present appointment

SEC. 27. PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

NAME Mrs. Mary G. Coon RELATIONSHIP wife

ADDRESS 41 Jordan Avenue, Wakefield, Mass.  
St. & No. City State Country

(will probably change before <sup>11</sup>Sept 1943, new address not yet known)

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SEC. 28. YOU ARE INFORMED THAT THE CORRECTNESS OF ALL STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN WILL BE INVESTIGATED, AND YOU ARE INVITED TO MAKE ANY CHANGES (OR ADDITIONS) IN YOUR STATEMENTS THAT YOU MAY THINK ADVISABLE.

- A. ARE THERE ANY UNFAVORABLE INCIDENTS IN YOUR LIFE NOT MENTIONED ABOVE WHICH MAY BE DISCOVERED IN SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION, WHETHER YOU WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED OR NOT, WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE EXPLANATION? IF SO, DESCRIBE. IF NOT, ANSWER, "NO."

No

- B. I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND I AGREE THAT ANY MISSTATEMENT OR OMISSION AS TO A MATERIAL FACT WILL CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL.

SIGNED AT Washington DC

City and State

DATE July 1, 1943.

Greenville R. Holden  
Witness

Orville Brown  
Signature of applicant

Applicant will not write below

COMMENTS OF INTERVIEWER:

SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWER

INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
originating official

DATE \_\_\_\_\_



Local Board No. 54 13  
Middlesex County 017

JUN 30, 1943 054

Stow St.  
Concord, Mass.

Draft Board will place stamp above here

To: (Show office and address to  
which it should be returned)

Date June 30, 1943

Subject: Classification Status of Carleton Stevens Coon  
(Name)

Old Sudbury Road

(Address)

Sudbury,

(City)

Massachusetts

(State)

- (1) Above named registrant whose order number is 10,825  
is at present classified in class III A(H)
- (2) The probability of this board reclassifying this registrant in the immediate future is: Unknown

- (3) Approximate date of call Indeterminate

- (4) IF REGISTRANT IS IN CLASS 2-A, 2-B, or 3-B:

(will)  
This board (will not) grant a release  
to registrant to accept a commission  
in the Army of the United States  
should he be offered same.

Signed

Edward B. Cazier

Title Chairman

Local Board No. 54

County of Middlesex

State of Massachusetts



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**HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT**  
**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**  
Room 2047, Building, Que  
Washington D.C. (25)

29 June 1943  
(Date)

SUBJECT: Final Type Physical Examination of Applicant for  
Appointment in the Army of the United States.

TO : Commanding Officer, Army Dispensary, Room 2D201,  
Pentagon Building, Arlington, Virginia.

1. Request that the following named individual(s),  
making application for appointment in the Army of the United  
States, be given Final Type Physical Examination:

Carleton S. Coon  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. It is also requested that completed forms,  
in triplicate, be furnished this office at the earliest  
practical date.

For the Commanding Officer:

\_\_\_\_\_  
H. K. LENOCKER,  
2d Lt., A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR  
COMMISSIONS IN ARMY, NAVY, OR MARINE CORPS  
(OSS FORM)

1. Full Name Carleton S. Coon
2. Date and Place of Birth June 23, 1904 Wakefield, Massachusetts
3. Selective Service Classification 3 A
4. Has he been called for induction? No
5. Has he been deferred in order to enable him to attempt to obtain commission? No
6. Present pay or earnings per annum \$6000
7. Pay per annum for grade requested \$3991
8. Can proposed duty be as effectively performed by available civilian personnel? Give reasons. No Special training and  
experience in action. He also possesses a specialized knowledge of  
the theatre of operations to which he will be sent.
9. Is his training or experience for the particular position beyond that normally provided at Officer Candidate Schools?  
State reasons. Yes, applicant has had active combat training with  
regular troops with guerrilla forces. He is considered a foremost world  
authority on native tribes in the theatre to which he will be assigned.  
In addition subject also speaks six languages.
10. Prior commissioned service? What? Was it terminated honorably?  
None
11. Is written release from civilian employment enclosed (if applicant is not now employed by OSS)? Applicant is now employed by OSS.



2.

12. Complete statement of the critical need for the services of the particularly specially-qualified individual or a statement that the individual is of "scarce category of specialized skill":


Applicant can be considered in the classification of "scarce category  
of specialized skill" He has special capabilities and training for  
the particular duties which will be assigned him for this secret mission  
overseas.

13. State fully the duty for which officer is intended and why a military status is required:

Applicant will be assigned to a special secret mission overseas, and  
because of reasons of security, it is not advisable to detail his duties.  
For the proper performance of these duties it will be necessary that the  
applicant be commissioned either in the grade of captain or preferably major.

14. Citizenship Status American (birth)

15. Educational Qualifications Applicant has a Ph. D. Degree - Harvard, 1928  
also 8 years of teaching experience at Harvard.

  
Signature of Applicant

Approved:

  
Signature of Branch Head

June 28th 1943  
Date



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June 28, 1943

Date \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

I hereby agree to waive the fourteen day period required in being called to extended service and desire to be ordered to immediate active duty.

Carlton S. Brown  
(Signature)

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June 26, 1943

TO: Lt. Colonel V. Lane Rahn

FROM: R. Davis Halliwell

SUBJECT: Mr. Carleton Coon  
C E R T I F I C A T E

This is to certify that Carleton Stevens Coon has appeared before the Military Personnel Board of the Office of Strategic Services, established to pass on the character and moral fitness of the candidate for duty with the Office of Strategic Services, and that this Board has found the above named individual qualified.

This certificate is made and intended to accompany the appointment request of the applicant named and is in lieu of Interviewer's Report Form OPB-2, Officer Procurement Service.

28 June 1943  
Office of Strategic Services,  
Washington, D. C.

J. A. HOAG,  
Colonel, FA,  
President, OSS Military Personnel Board.

cc: Mr. Harbock

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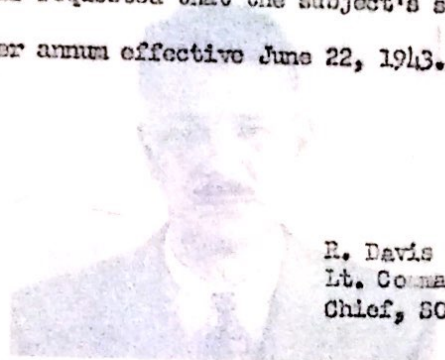


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June 28, 1943

TO: Lt. Colonel W. Lane Rohm  
FROM: R. Davis Halliwell  
SUBJECT: Dr. Carlton Coon

It is requested that the subject's salary be increased to \$6000.00 per annum effective June 22, 1943.



R. Davis Halliwell  
Lt. Commander, USNR  
Chief, SO

JFL:ET

cc: Mr. Hancock

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(b) Were you ever rejected for any branch of the military service Navy or for the R. O. T. C. \_\_\_\_\_ or C. M. T. C. \_\_\_\_\_? If so, state when and where rejected and cause Boston, October 1941, physical exam--obesity and overweight--no longer applicable.

(c) Service, showing dates of service and highest grade held, in Officers' Reserve Corps (inactive); National Guard of the United States; Enlisted Reserve Corps (inactive); Naval or Marine Corps Reserve Forces (inactive); National Guard or Naval Militia not in Federal service, or in military or naval forces of foreign countries. (State name of foreign country and when service was performed.)

(d) Prior service in Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or Coast and Geodetic Survey. Give dates and nature of service

(e) Were all discharges granted under honorable conditions? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(f) Have you already established military preference with the Civil Service Commission? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, check kind of preference below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Disabled veteran.

10. Are you now a member of—

(a) National Guard \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Officers' Reserve Corps \_\_\_\_\_

(c) United States Naval Reserve \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Marine Corps Reserve \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Coast Guard Reserve \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

No

11. Have you registered under the Selective Service Act? ☒ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give address of local board Local board #54, Middlesex Co. Stow St. Concord, Mass.

If classified, give your classification 3-A Your order number 10,825

12. Are you now receiving pay as a retired officer? (Enlisted man)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are you now drawing compensation or other benefits from the Veterans Administration? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, state amount

14. Physical condition is: Excellent ☒ very good \_\_\_\_\_ fair \_\_\_\_\_ poor \_\_\_\_\_  
Height without shoes 6 feet 0 inches. Weight 180 pounds.

15. (a) Have you any physical defect or disability whatsoever? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Have you ever had a nervous breakdown? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_

If your answer to either (a) or (b) above is yes, give full particulars:

16. Have you ever been turned down for life insurance? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_

17. Do you hold any elective or appointive office, Federal, State, or municipal? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give details

18. Are you now employed by the Federal Government? ☒ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(a) If so

OSS

(Department or agency)

(Bureau)

(b) If you now are or have ever been so employed, give dates:

From

March

1942

to

present

(Month)

(Year)

(Month)

(Year)

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20. Other experience in management or leadership or any special skills not shown under question 19 -- **LEADING expeditions in field**

21. In addition to employment in your main field or fields of professional specialization, specify any other qualifications or skills you have acquired through study, civic enterprise, hobbies, construction of instruments, etc. (For example: Photography, aviation, public speaking, civic organizations, cryptanalysis, pigeon training, radio transmission, etc.) Answer specifically (f), (g), and (h) below.

Occupation or skill	Describe work or study
(a) <b>photography</b>	<b>on field expeditions</b>
(b)	
(c)	
(d)	
(e)	
(f) Experience as an entertainer... <b>none</b>	
(g) Experience as an instructor... <b>yes</b>	<b>as professor at Harvard University</b>
(h) Athletic skill... <b>none</b>	

22. Education (includes military service schools):

(a) Circle highest grade completed, elementary or high schools:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Did you graduate? ☒ Yes ☐ No.

(b)	School (name of institution)	Years attended	Graduate? Yes } No } Year	Degrees	Subject majored in
College	<b>Harvard</b>	<b>3 1/2</b>	<b>1925</b> <b>yes</b>	<b>BA</b>	<b>Anthropology magna cum</b>
Post-graduate	<b>Harvard</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1928</b> <b>yes</b>	<b>MA, PhD</b>	<b>laude</b>
Military service school (branch and special)					



(c) Other subjects specialized in \_\_\_\_\_

23. Foreign languages (check proficiency).

Language (specify)	Read			Speak			Auditory comprehension		
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Excellent	Good	Fair	Excellent	Good	Fair
French	x			x			x		
German	x				x			x	
Arabic			with dictionary		x			x	
Portuguese	x					x			x
Spanish	x					x			x

all Romance x (with practice can also get along in Berber and Albanian)

24. Foreign travel and residence:

Indicate specifically the duration, location, and nature of any foreign experience you may have had. (Country and subdivision—Use official name as of 1935.)

Dates of travel or residence Morocco-1924, 1925, 1926-7, 1928, 1939, 1942-43.

Country Algeria & Tunisia 1942-43. Ethiopia 1932. Arabia 1932-3.

Purpose and nature Albania 1929-30. Most European countries between 1922-1939. For scientific research and 1942-43 for govt. service.

25. Describe the work, if any, connected with war activities (including civilian defense) in which you are now engaged employed by OSS

26. How many days' advance notice will you require before being available for service? none

27. State any other limitations which you care to place on your availability none

28. Have you ever been convicted by a civil or military court? If so, give the date and circumstances. no

29. Remarks. State any other information you may desire to submit which will be helpful in ascertaining your best field of usefulness

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)  
(SIGN ALL NAMES IN FULL)

(Name typed or printed) COON, CARELTON STEVENS.

NOTE.—Do not send with this questionnaire valuable personal papers such as Birth certificate, passports, citizenship papers, discharge certificates, warrants, commissions, original letters of commendation, etc., which you desire to be returned to you. As a rule these documents are unnecessary for the consideration of your case.



HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
Room 2047, Building Q  
Washington 25, D. C.

28 June 1943

Local Board No. 54,  
Middlesex County,  
Stow Street,  
Concord, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

It is requested that present Selective Service status be furnished this office, in triplicate, on the forms inclosed for your reply, on the following named individual registered with your board:

Carleton Stevens Coon, Order No. 10825

It is requested that reply be expedited, inasmuch as the above named individual is under process for a commission in the Army of the United States.

Very truly yours,



H. K. LENOCHER,  
2d Lt., A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

1 Incl.  
Form No. 541 (in trip).

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OFFICE OF MILITARY SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 28, 1943.

28 June 1943

TO: Mr. Andrew Sexton, Room 2217, Q Building.

SUBJECT: Security investigation.

FROM: Lt. H. K. Lenocker.

SUBJECT: Carleton Stevens Conn, an applicant  
Request security report on Carleton Stevens Conn, an applicant  
for commission under SO.

Attached hereto please find H. K. L. of the  
Secretary, SO Board of Review, which is forwarded  
to the Board of Officers recommending the commission-  
ing of Carleton Stevens Conn in the rank of Major, AUS.

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Colonel, USAR  
Chief - S.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

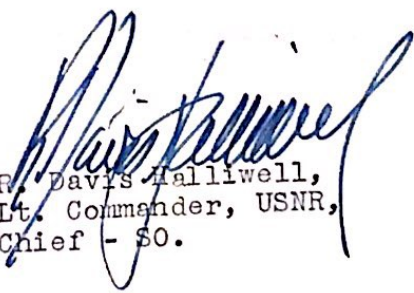
June 28, 1943.

TO: Director,  
Board of Officers.

FROM: R. Davis Halliwell

SUBJECT: Carleton Stevens Coon.

Attached hereto please find letter of the  
Secretary, SO Board of Review, which is forwarded  
to the Board of Officers recommending the commission-  
ing of Carleton Stevens Coon in the rank of Major, AUS.

  
R. Davis Halliwell,  
Lt. Commander, USNR,  
Chief - SO.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 28, 1943

TO: Lt. Commander R. Davis Halliwell  
FROM: Stoddard Hancock  
SUBJECT: Carleton Stevens Coon.

At the meeting of the Board of Review, a quorum being present, the application of Carleton Stevens Coon for a Majority in the AUS was considered and it was unanimously voted that this application be forwarded to the Chief - SO with the unanimous approval of the Board.

  
Stoddard Hancock,  
Secretary,  
SO Board of Review.

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HEADQUARTERS  
PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGIC SERVICES  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 24, 1943. June 23, 1943

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lt. Commander R. Davis Halliwell  
TO: Mr. Carlton S. Coon  
FROM: Ellery C. Huntington, Jr.  
FROM: R. Davis Halliwell  
SUBJECT: SO Personnel - Carl Coon and Stafford Reid.  
SUBJECT: Possession of Firearms, Ammunition, etc.

1. The General asked the other day whether you were considering anything for Coon and Reid.
2. I do not know the answer. They might be helpful in North Africa but you are requested to list by memorandum, for the information of the writer, any firearms, ammunition, special weapons, toys, and gadgets which may have been issued to you or which are in your possession.
3. If you are in possession of any of the above items, please state where they are stored by you.
3. If none of the items listed are in your possession, you are requested to state by memorandum.

Colonel, AUS  
Deputy Director - PW Operations

R. Davis Halliwell,  
Lt. Commander, USNR,  
Chief - SO.

By direction

*Freeman Lincoln*  
Freeman Lincoln,  
Captain, AUS.

JFL:sk

*I am in possession of no such objects  
CSE.*

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY  
A. P. O. 4141

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATIONS  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
TO : Dr. Carl Coon, WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 23, 1943

1. I wish to congratulate and commend you for the most effective manner with which you have performed your duties as special assistant to the A. C. of S., G-2, Fifth Army, for the past several months.

MEMORANDUM

Your thorough knowledge of the North African Arabs, together with the energetic manner in which you have performed your duties, have been of considerable assistance to the Fifth Army.

TO: Lt. Commander R. Davis Halliwell

FROM: Ellery C. Huntington, Jr.

SUBJECT: SO Personnel - Carl Coon and Stafford Reid.

1. The General asked the other day whether you were considering anything for Coon and Reid.

2. I do not know the answer. They might be helpful in North Africa but would be completely dominated by Colonel Eddy's wishes as opposed to those of yourself.

3. They might be useful in the Mid East. Carl Coon speaks Arabic and French. Perhaps the same is true of Stafford Reid.

Ellery C. Huntington, Jr.  
Colonel, AUS  
Deputy Director - PW Operations

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY  
A. P. O. #464 U. S. Army

9 May 1943

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Dr. Carl Coon.

1. I wish to congratulate and commend you for the most effective manner with which you have performed your duties as special assistant to the A. C. of S., G-2, Fifth Army, for the past several months.

2. Your thorough knowledge of the North African Arabs, together with the energetic, loyal and conscientious performance of your duties have been of inestimable assistance to the Fifth Army.

3. I wish you every success and happiness in the future.

*Edwin B. Howard*

EDWIN B. HOWARD,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
A.C. of S., G-2.

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## ENGAGEMENT SHEET

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- I. To be filled out by Employing Officer.  
II. To be approved by Officers listed below.  
III. To be taken personally by Geographic Head to each Officer for approval.

Date prepared: 10/14/42

1. Name Carleton S. Coon
2. Address (Mrs. Hall, Fiscal Office, states they  
already have address, and it is not  
necessary to indicate it here.)
3. Entrance on Duty Date 4/1/42
4. Salary: Per ~~year~~ <sup>month</sup> \$ 400.00  
Per diem (Additional) When Away \$ \_\_\_\_\_
5. Instructions on payment already in Fiscal office.
6. Is he now paid by any Government Bureau or Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_
7. General Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Approved: Employing Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Officer
9. Approved: ~~Director (R. K. F. R.)~~ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
10. Approved: Security Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
11. Accepted: Finance Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



May 25, 1942

Re: Coon

Bonding of Dr. Coon as  
Certifying Officer. According to  
Mr. Woodring of the Administrative  
Office Dr. Coon was not bonded by  
C.O.I. Mr. Strom of State first  
learned Dr. Coon was bonded in  
Mr. Williamson's letter of May 5th  
to Mr. Snaw.

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May 19, 1942

I talked with Mr. Franklin P. Canfield regarding the fact that Dr. Coon has been bonded as a Certifying Officer in Tangier.

He felt that outside the possibility of his certifying certain vouchers for Coster, that he would probably not have any expenditures of his own beyond his per diem allowance.



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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to  
FA 881.00/2150

*Letter not enclosed*

May 16. 1942

*Copies to D.W.  
W.K.  
Rehm*

*Coon 5453a  
x Tangier  
x Rep.*

My dear Colonel Donovan:

In reply to your letter of April 10, 1942, concerning Dr. Carleton S. Coon, I am pleased to enclose a copy of a letter that has been sent him advising that he has been designated Special Assistant to the American Legation at Tangier. The American Legation at Lisbon has been instructed to inform Dr. Coon, who is now at Lisbon, that he may proceed to his post.

The Legation has been advised that Dr. Coon will carry out certain confidential work under your instructions but that he will at all times be under the general supervision of the Legation and that he will communicate with your office only through the Legation and the Department. The communications facilities of the Legation will be placed at his disposal for this purpose.

I note that Dr. Coon has been bonded as a certifying officer under Public Law No. 389 approved December 29, 1941. The Legation has been authorized to honor vouchers approved by him as an authorized certifying officer. Payments covered by these vouchers will be taken up in the Legation's accounts for reimbursement by your office in the usual way.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

*G. Howland Shaw*  
G. Howland Shaw  
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

Letter to Dr. Coon.

The Honorable  
William J. Donovan,  
Coordinator of Information,  
Washington, D. C.



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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION  
HEADQUARTERS  
Washington, D.C.  
Member's Pass

Date: 4/16/42

No: 170

The Bearer hereof, Coon, Carleton S., whose  
signature appears below, and whose signed photograph  
is on the back hereof, shall be admitted to the grounds  
of these headquarters and to the following Buildings:  
All buildings C.O.I. Headquarters

(SIGNATURE OF BEARER)

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

BY [Signature]  
AUTHORIZED OFFICER

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: W. J. Donovan  
TO: Mr. I. J. Jackson  
SUBJECT: Dr. Carlston S. Coon

DATE: April 10, 1942

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Honorable G. Howland Shaw  
Assistant Secretary of State  
State Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shaw:

In connection with the work of this office, we should appreciate the appointment of Dr. Carlston S. Coon of Sudbury, Massachusetts, as Special Assistant at the American Legation at Tangier.

In order to facilitate Dr. Coon's activities, it is requested that arrangements be made which will authorize the proper officials of the Legation to honor all salary, travel and other expense vouchers submitted by Dr. Coon.

His salary will be \$4800 and his per diem allowance is to be \$6 a day. This office will reimburse the State Department in accordance with Section V-45 of Foreign Service Regulations of the Department for all payments made by the Legation in his behalf.

We should appreciate it if you will notify the American Legation at Tangier about Dr. Coon's status and the approximate date of his arrival.

Very truly yours,

William J. Donovan

FC:mc

cc: Colonel Donovan  
Mr. Strom (State)  
Mr. Rehn

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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: F. Canfield  
TO: Colonel Goodfellow  
SUBJECT: Salary for Dr. Coon

DATE April 8, 1942

Dr. Coon's Harvard salary is \$4500 a year; in addition he receives from \$12-1400 yearly from Radcliffe College and several hundred dollars from summer school.

Gordon Browne and Donald Coster who went out as vice consuls and control officers for the State Department, after consultation with us, are paid by the Department \$3600 per year plus per diem and travel allowances. Coster was advanced a sum of money by Mr. Phillips and Browne by Mr. Bruce which they will spend according to oral instructions, accounting to Mr. Reim. \$3600 is the same salary which the other control officers in North Africa without any C.O.I. connection receive. The only exception is Culbert whom Phillips agreed to pay an additional \$125 monthly, which payment has now been assumed by us on the recommendation of Colonel Solborg.

Dr. Coon goes out in a very different capacity as "Special Assistant at the American Legation at Tangier." He goes out for and under the supervision of C.O.I. and salary, transportation, etc. are left entirely in our hands.

At Mr. Kimbel's request and under his direction, I am drafting a letter to the State Department covering the case of Dr. Coon. Before doing so, it is necessary to decide upon a salary and per diem.

I suggest he be paid \$4600 a year and per diem at the usual State Department rates of \$5 while in travel status within the United States, \$6 outside the United States, and \$2.50 while on shipboard.

Raichle receives a salary of \$4600.

*When has Raichle started?  
To start when  
his salary at 2000 stops*

*400 a month  
4600 a year*



Personnel Memo To File

Re Carleton S. Coon

Address Harvard Univ.

Application in person

Date 1/1/42 Reg. Form Filed \_\_\_\_\_

Age 37 yrs.

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Where Born Wakefield, Mass., June 23, 1904

If naturalized, give place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Father John Lewis Coon

Where Born \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Bessie Carleton Coon

Where Born \_\_\_\_\_

Wife Mary Goodale

Where Born \_\_\_\_\_

How Many Children 2 - Carleton S. Coon, Jr. and Charles A. Coon

How Many Family Abroad \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

Education Phillips Academy, Andover, 1919-21; Harvard A.B. in 1925; A.M., Ph. D. - 1928.

Undergraduate Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Career 1927-29 Tutor at Harvard; 1930-31 National Research Council; 1931-33, Milton Fund, research; 1934-35 Lecturer; 1935-38 Faculty instructor; 1938-41 Assistant Professor; 1941-- Associate Professor.

Has travelled extensively in the following countries: England, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Morocco, Albania, Russia, Ethiopia and Azores.

Languages French, Arabic, Berber, Albanian, Spanish, Portuguese, and German.

References \_\_\_\_\_

Comment W.B. Borden Jr. was at school with Mr. Coon.

*W.B. Borden Jr.*

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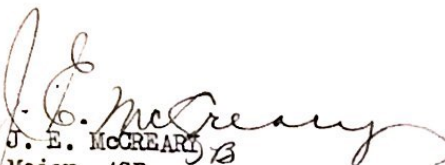
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(10 Sept 45)  
Hq MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army, 21 September 1945

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TO: CO, 2677th Regiment OSS (Prov)

Attention is invited to the basic communication.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

  
J. E. McCREARY  
Major, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AGFD-B 201 Coon, Carleton S.  
(27 Jul 45)

10 September 1945

Subject: Legion of Merit

To: Commanding General  
US Army Forces, Mediterranean Theater  
APO 512, c/o Postmaster  
New York, N. Y.

1. Reference is made to your 1st Indorsement of 28 June 1945, forwarding recommendation of the Director, Office of Strategic Forces, 24 April 1945, that the Distinguished Service Cross be awarded to Major Carleton S. Coon, 0925129, Infantry, for his service from May 1942 to October 1943.

2. The recommendation has received careful consideration in the War Department and the Legion of Merit was deemed the appropriate award.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 20 July 1942, and the Executive Order No. 9260, 29 October 1942, the Legion of Merit was awarded by the War Department to Major Carleton S. Coon. The award will be announced in War Department General Orders and the decoration will be presented to Major Coon.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*J. V. L.*  
Adjutant General

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Form OSS 1002

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name: Coon, Carleton S. Dr.

Date: 7 September 1945

This is to notify you that the Office of Strategic Services has taken the following action concerning your employment:

Nature of action: Resignation

Effective date: 21 June 1945 cob

	FROM—	TO—
Position.....	Consultant	
Grade and salary.....	Without Compensation	
Branch.....	History Office	
Division.....		
Section.....		
Headquarters.....	Washington, D. C.	
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REMARKS:

- ☐ Subject to 5% deduction for the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.
- ☐ This appointment is for such time as your services may be required and funds are available for the work of OSS.
- ☐ This transfer is for the best interests of the Government. Reimbursement of your expenses and cost of transfer of your household effects is authorized in accordance with existing orders and regulations.

*E. J. Francis*

Chief, Civilian Personnel.

NOTIFICATION TO EMPLOYEE

CSC Report No.
Dept/ (a)
Civil Service or Other Legal Authority
Appropriation 1151300.002 1007-45
Date of birth 6/23/1904
Legal residence Massachusetts
Sex Male - Divorced
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SUBJECT TO—
Investigation..... <input type="checkbox"/>
1 year trial period..... <input type="checkbox"/>

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OSS Form 1084b

DATE 23 Aug. '45

TO:

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Mr. Poon was an  
unclassified employee.  
No retirement deductions  
were ever made from  
his pay, so the attached  
form is null & void.

FROM:

H. J. Lunde

EXT. \_\_\_\_\_

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OSS FORM 1001  
(Rev. 4-11-44)

OSS PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST  
TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED IN TRIPPLICATE

NAME: Carleton S. Coon

NATURE OF ACTION: Resignation

EFFECTIVE DATE: At Once

FOR SEPARATIONS, TRANSFERS OUT, AND RESIGNATIONS  
LAST WORKING DAY: 21 June 1945

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE: *Carleton S. Coon*

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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2. EFFECTIVE DATE SHALL BE FILLED IN BY THE LEAVE UNIT, FINANCE BRANCH, FOR SEPARATIONS OR RESIGNATIONS.

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PERSONNEL BRANCH

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TITLE	FROM
WOC Consultant	
GRADE AND SALARY	<i>\$10 per diem WOC.</i>
BRANCH	History Office
DIVISION	
SECTION	
OFFICIAL STATION	Washington, D. C.
DEPT. OR FIELD	Dept.

REMARKS OR PROPOSED DUTIES:

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OFFICE OF  
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OFFICE OF  
PERSONNEL SERVICES

RECOMMENDED: *Conyers Read*  
OFFICE CHIEF, BRANCH CHIEF, OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

23 August 1945  
DATE:

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MEMORANDUM

5 December 1944

To: Lt. H. H. Bennett Indorsement  
From: J. Ridge Hicks  
Subject: Appointment of Carleton S. Coon

I regret to have to inform you that the action on Major Coon is being rejected by the Budget and Procedures Branch. The reason for this is that branch historians are not supposed to be full time positions. Furthermore, the only positions established anywhere near the salary level that you propose to use are in the office of the Director of OSS assigned to the History Project.

I believe that if this job title and job description were made up in such a way as would place the emphasis upon the proposed work of Operations Analyst that the position could be more easily justified. However, I do not mean to say that you should call Major Coon an Operational Analyst if his works can only be used in connection with the History Project.

I would very much appreciate the opportunity of talking this action over with you before you submit it again.

J. Ridge Hicks  
Acting Chief, Budget & Procedures Branch

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20 July 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL DONOVAN

1. The attached indorsement prepared for your signature is submitted for your approval.
2. A question as to the status of Carlton Coon at the time he performed the services upon which the recommendation is based was raised by someone in the War Department.
3. It is believed that this indorsement will clarify the situation and add weight to the consideration by the War Department Board for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross.

*Lo: AGO  
23 July 1945*

*Frank L. Ball, Jr.*  
FRANK L. BALL, JR.

OSS Citations Officer  
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22 April 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Major Carleton S. Coon, Inf., A.M., Ret. O-925130

TO: Commanding General, WSDC

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, it is recommended that the Distinguished Service Cross be awarded to Major Carleton S. Coon, Inf., A.M., Ret. O-925130.

2. Over and above the call of duty, and at great personal risk, between May 22, 1942 and October 5, 1943, Major Coon displayed extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. Major Coon, in the role of Special Assistant to the American Legation, Tangier, travelled over most of Morocco, often in civilian clothes, including both the French and Spanish zones, at the risk of his life from the Germans and other enemy agencies then operating overtly under the German High Commission in Tangier.

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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES, Washington, D. C., 20 July 1945

TO: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. Major Coon, as has been stated in the basic recommendation, served in a civilian capacity as an American representative at the outset of his operations and continued in that capacity until commissioned in the Army in July 1943. He was, however, a qualified agent of this office which operated under the command of the Theater Commander. As such, he was serving in that capacity with the Army and consequently, it is believed that he fully qualifies for the decoration originally recommended.

2. It is further mentioned that it was determined that, for the period in question, it was deemed more beneficial to the Government to operate under the conditions above described.

3. In January and February of 1943 Major Coon was engaged in an operation in Tunisia known as the Grand Assault, in conjunction with members of the British Army Special Forces.

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN  
Director

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24 April 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Major Carleton S. Coon, Inf., AUS, Ret. O-925129

TO: Commanding General, MEDTO

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, it is recommended that the Distinguished Service Cross be awarded to Major Carleton S. Coon, Inf., AUS, Ret. O-925129.

2. Over and above the call of duty, and at great personal risk, between May 22, 1942 and October 6, 1943, Major Coon displayed extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. Major Coon, in the role of Special Assistant to the American Legation, Tangier, travelled over most of Morocco, often in civilian clothes, including both the French and Spanish Zones, at the risk of his life from the Gestapo and other enemy agencies then operating overtly under the German Armistice Commission in Casablanca and the German Legation in Tangier. His duties were to enlist the services of large native organizations in Spanish Morocco for the following purposes: to create a revolution in that territory in case the Spanish Army should move against the flank of the American invasion forces landing on November 8th, 1942, or in case the Spaniards should attempt to close the Straits of Gibraltar to allied shipping; to attack the Germans should their forces move southward from France, which across Spain to menace the Allied landing forces. This was a political operation of great delicacy and security value; it would have resulted in death should Major Coon have been caught.

3. During the same period he acted as courier between Gibraltar, Tangier and French Morocco, smuggling firearms, explosives, hand grenades, flares, and other incriminating material to the French resistance groups in the invasion ports for their use on D-Day. During the same period he also collected military intelligence from native sources, which he transmitted to Washington, and which were of great value to our forces in planning the details of the North African landings.

4. In January and February of 1943 Major Coon was engaged in an operation in Tunisia known as the Brandon Mission, in conjunction with members of the British Army Special Operations Executive.

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He saw action at Cap Serrat, where a small picked garrison of thirty to fifty men, of which he was a member, held the whole northern flank of the Allied line in Tunisia during a critical period.

This group, opposed by between four and six hundred of the enemy in mountainous forested country, held twenty-eight miles of territory between Sedjenane and the sea. Major Coon's personal activities during this period including winning over the native population to the allied cause, whereas before most of them had been hostile; in going alone on nightly expeditions in no-man's land to set booby traps and signal devices, to assure the safety of the garrison; in training, equipping, and dispatching two Arab agents with explosives sewn in their packsaddle to blow up a trainload of German troops between Tindja and Ferryville, which operation was successful.

As a result of these and other activities the local population was of active help in giving intelligence about the enemy, and in serving as guides; the enemy was held off until the critical period had passed; and a train containing several hundred German troops was destroyed.

In February, Major Coon was relieved from Cap Serrat and sent to Kassarine to perform similar services there, particularly in reference to the Arabs; he arrived just in time to participate in the battle of Kassarine Pass which began on February 12, 1943.

During these operations Major Coon suffered severe concussion and injuries to his nervous system when a building, into which he had gone after being machine-gunned by enemy aircraft, was dive-bombed and collapsed.

5. While recovering from these severe injuries Major Coon was attached to the Fifth Army in Oujda, where under Colonel (now General) Edgar Howard, Assistant Chief of Staff G-2, Major Coon was made responsible for the defense of the Fifth Army territory against enemy saboteurs and intelligence agents coming from Spanish Morocco. Through his knowledge of local native peoples and their languages he and the men associated with him were able to prevent any single destructive act from being accomplished. When he left Oujda on May 8, 1943, after three months of service, Major Coon was given a letter of commendation signed by General Howard, a copy of which is attached.

6. On September 13, 1943, Major Coon landed with the first French assault wave on Corsica. This wave, under the command of General Henri Martin, included some forty American special personnel under Major Coon's command. Under his direction these American officers and men carried out continual combat and intelligence activities until October 6, 1943, the date of the fall of Bastia and the

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final German evacuation from the island. Throughout this period Major Coon remained in a forward combat position with his men and personally directed their activities. Notable results of his mission were: combat, in association with the Moroccan Goums, at Barqueta, Monte Alban, and Tighime Pass; the infiltration of an agent into Bastia, who produced daily intelligence reports which Major Coon transmitted to AFHQ, Algiers and which resulted in a number of bombing missions from Algiers. These bombing missions on Bastia, the Borgo airport, and German ships and aircraft engaged in evacuating personnel and materiel from Corsica to Italy, resulted in the loss of several thousand enemy lives, and hundreds of enemy vehicles, including armor. On one mission alone seven enemy ships, including one laden with munitions, were destroyed in Bastia Harbor. Major Coon was thus responsible for obtaining the only tactical intelligence from Corsica which was used in large scale operations, and this intelligence had much to do with the success of the Corsican campaign.

7. After these operations and as their direct result, Major Coon was physically incapacitated, evacuated to the United States, and retired from the Army on January 12, 1945.

8. This recommendation is based on the personal knowledge of the undersigned officer, and from official reports on file in the Office of Strategic Services.

9. All of Major Coon's service since these acts has been honorable.

10. Major Coon's present address is 6 Whittemore Terrace, Wakefield, Massachusetts.

11. Major Coon entered the army from Washington, D.C.

12. This recommendation has been held in abeyance until this time in order that there be no possibility of compromise of the security of comparable activities being carried on in other areas.

William J. Donovan,  
Director

Attachment

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**OSS PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST**  
(TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED IN TRIPPLICATE)

NAME: Carlton S. Coon

NATURE OF ACTION: Resignation

EFFECTIVE DATE: At Once

FOR SEPARATIONS, TRANSFERS OUT, AND RESIGNATIONS  
LAST WORKING DAY: 21 June 1945

FOR RESIGNATIONS FROM FEDERAL SERVICE ONLY  
SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:

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FROM		TO
TITLE	<u>WOC Consultant</u>	
GRADE AND SALARY	<u>\$10 per diem</u>	
BRANCH	<u>History Office</u>	
DIVISION		
SECTION		
OFFICIAL STATION	<u>Washington, D. C.</u>	
DEPT. OR FIELD	<u>Dept.</u>	

REMARKS OR PROPOSED DUTIES:

RECOMMENDED: Conyers Read, OSS Historian

DATE:

OFFICE CHIEF, BRANCH CHIEF, OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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VIA AIR POUCH

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2 May 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Recommendation

TO: Colonel Edward J. F. Glavin  
Commanding Officer  
Headquarters Company  
2677th Regiment OSS (Prov)  
Caserta, Italy

1. The attached recommendation for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Major Carleton S. Coon has been signed by General Donovan and is forwarded so that it can be submitted in the Theater.

2. The War Department has requested that we submit such cases through the Theater so that it will not be necessary for them to submit them to the Theater Commander for his comment which would be necessary if we submitted it directly to the Adjutant General here.

*Frank L. Ball Jr.*  
FRANK L. BALL, JR.,  
Major, AUS  
OSS Citations Officer

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*Signed by Gen. Donovan. Sent to  
Post Office to Theater (Moorey May 1945)*

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Director, OSS.

27 April 1945

1. The attached is forwarded for your approval and signature.
2. The facts contained in the recommendation have been obtained from files, reports and from Major Coon.
3. If you approve, we will pouch the recommendation to Caserta to be submitted through the theater.

*Frank L. Ball*  
FRANK L. BALL, JR.  
Major, AJS  
OSS Citations Officer

*Signed by Mr. Donnan 30 April 45  
Pouched to Theater (MEDTO) 1 May 45.*

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MAJOR CARLETON S. COON

From May 1942 to November 42, Major Carleton S. Coon in the role of Special Assistant at the U. S. Legation at Tangier was occupied in enlisting the services of various native organizations in Spanish Morocco. This was an extremely delicate operation, and he acted at great personal risk to his life. The object was to create a revolution in that territory in the event the Spanish should move against the U. S. Torch Forces, or the Germans should move against us through Spain.

Major Coon also smuggled grenades, and other arms into French Morocco for the use of resistance groups.

In January, February 1943, he was engaged in the Brandon Operation with members of British SOE at Cap Serrat and the Kassarine Pass. During these operations a small picked group, of which he was a member, covered an extraordinary length of front under combat conditions at the imminent risk of being captured or wiped out, thus convincing the Germans it was held in force. Major Coon during this period trained two Arabs and sent them through the enemy lines to blow up a train full of German troops between Tindja and Ferryville. This operation was successfully carried out and the Arabs returned.

During these operations, Major Coon suffered concussion and injuries to his head when a building into which he had gone after the aerial machine-gunning was dive-bombed.

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Major Carleton S. Coon

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SECRET

On September 13, 1943, Major Coon landed with the French Assault wave in Corsica; there he was in action with Goums with Colonel de Latour and remained in a forward position at Tigherne pass under continuous enemy fire for two days before entering Bastia on October 6, 1943. While in Corsica he obtained and transmitted to AFHQ Algiers information which directed the bombing of Bastia and the Borgo Airport, which led to the loss of many enemy lives, and much enemy transport and armor, and which had much to do with the success of our Corsican campaign.

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Notify Major Coon when his award  
comes through.

92 Washington Avenue  
Cambridge, Mass.



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name: Coon, Carleton S. Dr.

Date: April 19, 1945

This is to notify you that the Office of Strategic Services has taken the following action concerning your employment.

Nature of action; Administrative Action

Effective date: May 1, 1945

	FROM—	TO—
Position.....	Consultant	Consultant
Grade and salary..	Without Compensation*	Without Compensation*
Branch.....	Director's Office	History Office
Division.....	History Project	
Section.....		
Headquarters.....	Washington, D. C.	Washington, D. C.
Departmental or field.....	Departmental	Departmental

Remarks:

This action is subject to the provisions of paragraphs checked below:

☐ Under this appointment you are subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act as amended, and accordingly 5% will be deducted from your basic salary for deposit to your credit in the Retirement Fund.

☒ This appointment is for such time as your services may be required and funds are available for the work of the Office of Strategic Services.

*William C. McEntee Jr.*  
Director of Personnel

NOTIFICATION TO EMPLOYEE

C. S. C. Report No.	
Departmental (a)	
Civil Service or other legal authority	
Appropriation 1151300.002 1007-45	
Date of birth 6/23/1904	
Legal residence Massachusetts	
Sex Male Divorced	
NATURE OF POSITION	
New	Additional identical
Vice	Vice vacancy
Reference (Name, number, and date, etc.)	
Subject to Retirement Act? No	

EDM:afc

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Authority 4889

Pers. (Coon)

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

HA 64

Name: Coon, Major D. D. Sherrill, P&S Branch  
Room 200, North Building  
Major Carleton S. Coon (Retired)

31 March 1945

This is to certify that the following action concerning your employment:

Notice of action: Pay Adjustment and Transfer

1. I have just purchased a house in Cambridge, Massachusetts, located at 92 Washington Avenue. I will move into this house on 28 April 1945.

2. This house has a telephone, Kirkland 6216, in the name of Paul Pigors, the present occupant.

3. It is the practice in the Boston area to remove all telephones at the time when a house is transferred from one occupant to another.

4. I am at present employed as a Consultant by the OSS and shall continue in that capacity for the duration.

5. I receive frequent telephone calls from Washington, D. C., on government business and shall continue to do so indefinitely.

6. In order that I may continue my government work without interference, it is necessary that the telephone company permit me to retain the aforesaid telephone on the premises indicated. I therefore request you to take appropriate action with the Cambridge office of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Carleton S. Coon  
Major, AUS, (Retired)

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OFFICE CHIEF, BRANCH CHIEF, OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Project

20 February 1945

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Authority AND 49584



Form OSS 63

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name: Coon, Carleton S. Dr.

Date: March 6, 1945

This is to notify you that the Office of Strategic Services has taken the following action concerning your employment.

Nature of action: Pay Adjustment and Transfer

Effective date: March 1, 1945

	FROM—	TO—
Position.....	Special Assistant to Deputy Director	Consultant
Grade and salary.....	\$7000 per annum Uncl.	Without Compensation*
Branch.....	SSO	Director's Office
Division.....		History Project
Section.....		
Headquarters.....	Washington, D. C.	Washington, D. C.
Departmental or field.....	Departmental	Departmental

Remarks: \* To be allowed actual transportation expenses and not to exceed \$10.00 per diem while serving away from home.

This action is subject to the provisions of paragraphs checked below:

☐ Under this appointment you are subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act as amended, and accordingly 5% will be deducted from your basic salary for deposit to your credit in the Retirement Fund.

☒ This appointment is for such time as your services may be required and funds are available for the work of the Office of Strategic Services.

*William B. McEntee Jr.*  
Director of Personnel

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NOTIFICATION TO EMPLOYEE

EDM:asg

C. S. C. Report No.	
Dept. (a)	
Civil Service or other legal authority	
Appropriation 1151300.002 1001-45	
Date of birth 6/23/1904	
Legal residence Massachusetts	
Sex Male Divorced	
NATURE OF POSITION	
New	Additional identical
Vice	Vice vacancy
Reference (Name, number, and date, etc.)  Unclassified	
Subject to Retirement Act? NO	

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Authority UNCL 47589

RECOMMENDATION

Conyers Read, Director, OSS History Project

DATE: 20 February 1945

OFFICE CHIEF, BRANCH CHIEF, OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



OSS PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST  
(TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED IN TRIPLICATE)

NAME: Dr. Carleton S. Coon

NATURE OF ACTION: Pay Adjustment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1 March 1945

FOR SEPARATIONS, TRANSFERS OUT, AND RESIGNATIONS  
LAST WORKING DAY:

FOR RESIGNATIONS FROM FEDERAL SERVICE ONLY  
SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. FOR MILITARY LEAVE WITHOUT PAY—ATTACH 3 COPIES OF MILITARY ORDERS AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A PHOTO-STAT OR CERTIFIED COPY.
2. EFFECTIVE DATE SHALL BE FILLED IN BY THE LEAVE UNIT, FINANCE BRANCH, FOR SEPARATIONS OR RESIGNATIONS.

INITIAL DATE

CLASSIFICATION

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NEW

BUDGET

EMPLOYMENT

CHIEF, CIVILIAN  
PERSONNEL BRANCH

FROM

TITLE	Special Asst. to Deputy Dir., SS0	Intermittent Consultant
GRADE AND SALARY	\$7,000 per annum, unclassified	<del>WOC*</del> Same rate of pay WAE
BRANCH	SS0	Director's Office History Project
DIVISION		
SECTION		
OFFICIAL STATION	Washington, D. C.	Washington, D. C.
DEPT. OR FIELD	Departmental	Departmental

REMARKS OR PROPOSED DUTIES:

See memo attached.

\*\$10 per day in lieu of subsistence, plus  
traveling expenses. (Per Dr. Read).  
J.K.

2/6/45

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OFFICE OF  
CIVILIAN PERSONNEL  
STRATEGIC SERVICES

RECOMMENDED: Conyers Read, Director, OSS History  
Project

DATE: 20 February 1945

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*Pers. (Coon)*

*HA-41*

STATE OF OFFICE, AFFIDAVIT  
AND  
DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE

J. Ridge Hicks

20 February 1945

Conyers Read

Approval for Carleton S. Coon as Intermittent Consultant.

Carleton S. Coon, in accordance with a long-standing arrangement, has to return to Harvard on 1 March. He has been extremely valuable to the History Project in writing and supervising two of our most difficult jobs -- the history of the OSS in the North African theater and the history of SO, and I shall continue to need his services as an intermittent consultant.

The strategy of the history project as a whole made it desirable some months ago to give priority to the history of the North African theater, and this has naturally slowed up the history of SO, since Coon was the key man in both. For some weeks we thought the problem of the SO historian would be solved by Sgt. Warren Delano's being assigned to it. He was here long enough to line up the documentation out of which the history can, under proper supervision, be written, but his reassignment to the West Coast has left us desperate, all the more because SO itself has admitted its inability to assign any suitable person for the job.

We have attempted to solve the problem by using Coon as a supervisor and turning over to Mrs. Stevens the documents assembled by Delano. This scheme is now in progress, but it won't be finished (or nearly so) by the time Coon has to leave. To prevent the SO history from getting bogged down, the History Project will need to have Coon come down here about six times in the period between 1 March and 1 June.

Coon's occasional presence here is, in short, indispensable. He is prepared to accept such an arrangement as a special favor to me. The expense involved would be relatively slight in proportion to the services rendered. Without him, Mrs. Stevens (CAF-5) would be quite unable to do the job. We would have to try to find someone else at a much higher echelon to undertake it. I doubt if we could find anyone so well equipped as Coon is at any price.

Like many other men of genius, he is temperamental, but he has had a brilliant record in action, is completely loyal, and I have no one on the History staff who has contributed so much to the writing of OSS history.

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Authority *640 47589*



# OATH OF OFFICE, AFFIDAVIT, AND DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE

Office of Strategic Services  
(Department or Establishment)

SSO  
(Bureau or Division)

Washington, D. C.  
(Place of Employment)

## A. OATH OF OFFICE

I, Carleton S. Coon  
Do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. SO HELP ME GOD.

## B. AFFIDAVIT

Do further swear (or affirm) that I do not advocate, nor am I a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; and that during such time as I am an employee of the Federal Government, I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence.

## C. DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE

Do further certify that (1) I have not paid or offered or promised to pay any money or other thing of value to any person, firm, or corporation for the use of influence to procure my appointment; (2) I will inform myself of and observe the provisions of the Civil Service law and rules and Executive orders concerning political activity, political assessments, etc., as quoted on the attached Information for Appointee, and [strike out either (3) or (4)]

- (3) the answers given by me in the Declaration of Appointee on the reverse of this sheet are true and correct;
- (4) the answers contained in my Application for Federal Employment, Form No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, filed with the above-named department or establishment, which I have reviewed, are true and correct as of this date, except for the following (if necessary, use additional sheet; if no exceptions write "none"; if (4) is executed, the reverse of this sheet need not be used):

Carleton S. Coon  
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn before me this 23rd day of January A. D., 19 45  
at Washington D. C.  
(City) (State)

Lyman H. Carlson  
(Signature of Officer)

Notary Public  
(Title)

[SEAL]

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown  
My commission expires 12/21/46

January 12, 1945  
(Date of Entrance on Duty)

Spec. Asst. to Deputy Director  
\$7,000 uncl.  
(Position to which appointed) (Temporary)

June 23 1904  
(Date of Birth)

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# PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST

## DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE

This form, if required, is to be completed before entrance on duty. Every question must be answered. Any false statement in this declaration will be grounds for cancellation of application or dismissal after appointment. False personation is a criminal offense and will be prosecuted accordingly.

1. Present Address Dorchester House Apt 536 Washington DC.  
(Street and Number) (City and State)

2. Who should be notified in case of emergency? Mrs J. L. Coon (Name) mother (Relationship)  
5 Whittemore Terrace (Street and Number) Wakefield Mass. (City and State)

3. Does the U. S. Government employ in a civilian capacity any relative of yours (either by blood or marriage) with whom you live or have lived within the past 6 months? Yes or No? If so, for each such relative fill in the blanks below. If additional space is necessary, complete under Item 12.

Name	Post-office address (Give street number, if any)	(1) Position and (2) Temporary or not, and (3) Department or office in which employed	Relation- ship	Married or single	Age
None		1. _____			
		2. _____			
		3. _____			
		1. _____			
		2. _____			
		3. _____			

4. Place of birth WAKEFIELD (Town) MASSACHUSETTS (State or Country)

Indicate "Yes" or "No" answer by placing X in proper column	Yes	No	12. Space for detailed answers to other questions.
5. Are you a citizen of the United States?	X		<p>ITEM NO. Write in left column numbers of items to which detailed answers apply</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
6. If foreign born, have you furnished proof of naturalization or citizenship to (1) the U. S. Civil Service Commission?			
(2) this agency in connection with this appointment?			
7. Since you filed application resulting in this appointment, has there been any change in the status of your citizenship, or of the persons through whom you gained your citizenship?		X	
8. (a) Do you hold any position or office under the United States or any State, Territory, County, or Municipality?		X	
If so, state the place, position, and salary under Item 12.			
(b) Are you willing to resign such position or office if it becomes necessary to do so in order to hold the Federal position?			
9. Do you receive any pension or other benefit for military or naval service or an annuity from the U. S. or D. C. Government under any Retirement Act?		X	
If so, give details under Item 12, stating whether you were retired for age, length of service, or disability; amount of retirement pay and under what retirement act; and rank, if retired from military or naval service.			
10. Since you filed application resulting in this appointment, have you been discharged for misconduct or unsatisfactory service, or forced to resign from any position?		X	
If so, give under Item 12 where employed, name and address of employer and the reason for discharge in each case.			
11. Since you filed application resulting in this appointment, have you been arrested, or summoned into any civil or military court as a defendant, or indicted for or convicted of any offense (felony or misdemeanor)?		X	
If so, for each case give under Item 12 (1) the date, (2) the name and location of the court, (3) the nature of the offense or violation, and (4) the penalty, if any, imposed, or other disposition.			

## INSTRUCTIONS TO APPOINTING OFFICER

The appointing officer before whom the foregoing certificate is made shall determine to his own satisfaction that this appointment would be in conformance with the Civil Service Act, applicable civil-service rules, the War Service Regulations, and acts of Congress pertaining to appointment.

This form should be checked for holding of office, pension, purchase of office, suitability in connection with any record of recent discharge or arrest, promise to observe provisions regarding political activity, and particularly for the following:

(1) **Identity** of appointee with the applicant whose appointment was authorized. The appointee's signature and handwriting are to be compared with the application and/or other pertinent papers. The physical appearance may be checked against the medical certificate. The appointee may also be questioned on his personal history for agreement with his previous statements.

(2) **Age**.—If discrepancy exists between the date of birth and that on application, and if definite age limits have been established for the position, it should be determined that applicant is not outside the age range for appointment.

(3) **Citizenship**.—The responsibility for observing provisions of appropriation acts prohibiting or restricting the employment of noncitizens lies with the appointing

officer. The Civil Service Commission indicates on applications showing foreign birth that citizenship has been verified. The appointing officer should verify citizenship if the list of eligibles or the letter of authority from the Commission makes the appointment subject to proof of citizenship, or if the application shows foreign birth but does not indicate on its face that citizenship has been proved. If the answer to question 4 of this form shows foreign birth and the application shows birth in the United States, the case should be referred to the Civil Service Commission.

(4) **Members of Family**.—Section 9 of the Civil Service Act provides that whenever there are already two or more members of the family in the classified service, no other member of such family is eligible for appointment in that service. Minors do not establish a different family merely by living at an address different from that of the parents. Doubtful cases involving more than two members of family, including all pertinent evidence, should be referred to the Civil Service Commission or its duly authorized representatives for decision. Under War Service Regulations, the members of family provision does not apply to temporary appointments for one year or less.

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COON, CHARLETON S. (TERM.)



OSS PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST

Form OSS 63A

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name: Coon, Carleton S.

Date: January 12, 1945

This is to notify you that the Office of Strategic Services has taken the following action concerning your employment.

Nature of action; Temporary Appointment\*

Effective date: January 12, 1945 EOD DOO-January 23, 1945

	FROM-	TO-
Position.....		Special Assistant to Deputy Director
Grade and salary		\$7000 per annum Incl.
Branch.....		SSO
Division.....		
Section.....		
Headquarters.....		Washington, D. C.
Departmental or field.....		Departmental

C. S. C. Report No.

Departmental **A**

Civil Service or other legal authority

DOA 1/12/45  
Excepted

Appropriation

1151300.002  
3001-45

Date of birth

6/23/1904

Legal residence

Massachusetts

Sex

Male

Divorced

NATURE OF POSITION

New

Additional identical

Unclassified

Vice

Vice vacancy

Reference

(Name, number, and date, etc.)

Subject to Retirement Act?

No

Remarks:

\*Not to exceed 3/1/45.  
Appointment subject to investigation.

This action is subject to the provisions of paragraphs checked below:

☐ Under this appointment you are subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act as amended, and accordingly 5% will be deducted from your basic salary for deposit to your credit in the Retirement Fund.

☒ This appointment is for such time as your services may be required and funds are available for the work of the Office of Strategic Services.

*John L. Cronkite*  
Director of Personnel.



OSS PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST  
 (TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED IN TRIPLICATE)

NAME: <u>Carleton S. Coon</u>		DATE: <u>JAN 16 1945</u>	
NATURE OF ACTION: <u>Temporary appt. Transfer from Military to Civilian</u>		CLASSIFICATION: <u>Not required</u>	
EFFECTIVE DATE: <u>12 January 1945</u>		VICE: <u>Unclassified</u>	
FOR SEPARATIONS, TRANSFERS OUT, AND RESIGNATIONS LAST WORKING DAY:		BUDGET: <u>1151300</u> <u>3001-45</u>	
FOR RESIGNATIONS FROM FEDERAL SERVICE ONLY SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:		EMPLOYMENT <u>JAN 20 1945</u> <u>1/20/45</u>	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:		DOA - <u>1/22/45</u>	
1. FOR MILITARY LEAVE WITHOUT PAY - ATTACH 3 COPIES OF MILITARY ORDERS AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A PHOTO-STAT OR CERTIFIED COPY		Epc.	
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FROM		TO <u>Spec. Asst. to Dep. Dir. 550</u>	
TITLE		<u>Unclassified</u>	
GRADE AND SALARY		<u>\$7,000 per annum</u>	
BRANCH		<u>SSO</u>	
DIVISION			
SECTION		Washington, D. C.	
OFFICIAL STATION		Departmental	
DEPT. OR FIELD			
REMARKS OR PROPOSED DUTIES: <u>* not to exceed 3/1/45</u>			

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DEPT. OR FIELD	
REMARKS OR PROPOSED DUTIES:	* not to exceed 3/1/45

BPN 3084. As there are several projects not completed by Mr. Coon while with OSS as an officer, he is to be carried on the payroll as a civilian until March 1, 1945, in order to complete these assignments.

JC  
1/13/45

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STRATEGIC SERVICES

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CIVILIAN PERSONNEL  
UNITED STATES  
ARMY  
JAN 13/45  
JAN 13/45

**RECOMMENDED:**

OFFICE CHIEF, BRANCH CHIEF, OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

11 January 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Director-Administrative Services  
FROM: Deputy Director-SSO  
SUBJECT: Temporary Appointment of Mr. Carleton S. Coon

While conversing with Colonel Doering, Executive Officer, OSS, on this subject this afternoon, he stated that the Project on which Mr. Coon is working is in need of his services for the next 6 weeks, and that if there were any difficulty in securing a temporary appointment for him at the rate of \$7,000 per annum and/or any difficulty in obtaining a vacancy in SSO to which he could be assigned, he (Colonel Doering) wishes to be notified, as the Director's Office is particularly interested in the matter and feels that the appointment at the suggested rate and a vacancy should be made available.

*Probably over Indicated*  
*Edward L. Bigelow*  
Edward L. Bigelow  
Deputy Director-SSO

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**OSS PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST**  
(TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED IN TRIPLICATE)

NAME: **Carleton S. Coon**

INITIAL DATE

NATURE OF ACTION: **Administrative Action**

CLASSIFICATION

VICE

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NEW

EFFECTIVE DATE: **Immediately 5/1/45**

BUDGET

FOR SEPARATIONS, TRANSFERS OUT, AND RESIGNATIONS  
LAST WORKING DAY:

**1151300.002**  
**1007-45**

FOR RESIGNATIONS FROM FEDERAL SERVICE ONLY  
SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:

EMPLOYMENT

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. FOR MILITARY LEAVE WITHOUT PAY—ATTACH 3 COPIES OF MILITARY ORDERS AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A PHOTO-STAT OR CERTIFIED COPY
2. EFFECTIVE DATE SHALL BE FILLED IN BY THE LEAVE UNIT, FINANCE BRANCH, FOR SEPARATIONS OR RESIGNATIONS.

CHIEF, CIVILIAN  
PERSONNEL BRANCH

FROM

TO

TITLE	<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Consultant</b>
GRADE AND SALARY	<b>Without Compensation</b>	<b>Without Compensation</b>
BRANCH	<b>Director's Office</b>	<b>History Office</b>
DIVISION	<b>History Project</b>	
SECTION		
OFFICIAL STATION	<b>Washington, D. C.</b>	<b>Washington, D. C.</b>
DEPT. OR FIELD	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Dept.</b>

REMARKS OR PROPOSED DUTIES:

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OFFICE OF  
STAFF AND SERVICES

RECOMMENDED:

DATE:

OFFICE CHIEF, BRANCH CHIEF, OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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OSS PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST  
(TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED IN TRIPLICATE)

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
OFFICER'S PERSONNEL SECTION  
Room 21, 2324 F Street N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

16 Dec 1944

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SUBJECT: Transfer of Officer  
Theater Officer, FE

TO : Chief, SO Branch

1. Major Carleton S Coon 0925129 AUS asgd to SO CBI

trfd out of this orgn per P 7 SO 287 WD actually

departed fr this orgn 4 Dec 1944.

2. Request that the above named officer be dropped fr all records on file at your office.

For the Commanding Officer:

*C. M. Crosby*  
C. M. CROSBY,  
1st Lt., AUS,  
Asst. Adjutant.

WD AGO Form 66-2 (one copy)

Mielziner, Jo

0473236 AC Major

Par 6, MDSO No. 233, 1944

2. The above officers have been relieved from active duty and their Qualification Cards are forwarded your office for disposition.

3. Request acknowledgement of receipt by indorsement hereon.

For the Commanding Officer:

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*CANCELLED*  
*DEC-24*  
C. M. CROSBY  
1st Lt, AUS  
Asst Adjutant

7 Incls  
Incls 1 thru 6 - 66-1's  
Incl 5 - 66-2

RECC

OFFICE

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority 440 475894



DATE

2 February 1945

Subject: Transmittal of Qualification Cards.

To: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. Transmitted herewith WD AGO Form No. 66-1 and a WD AGO Form No. 66-2 pertaining to the following officers:

WD AGO Form No. 66-1	ASN	Arm or Sv Rank	Authority
Obolensky, Serge	0483718	NMB 1st Col	Par 6, WDSO No. 296, 1944
Coon, Carleton S.	0925129	AUS Major	Par 7, WDSO No. 287, 1944
Grant, Joseph J Jr	0903142	NMB Major	Par 9, WDSO No. 285, 1944
Desaussure, John M.	0917686	AC Captain	Par 23, WDSO No. 275, 1944
Sherman, Richard T.	0902847	AUS Captain	Par 22, WDSO No. 257, 1944
Muller, Floyd M.	01995306	AUS 1st Lt	Par 5, WDSO No. 289, 1944

WD AGO Form 66-2 (one copy)

Mielziner, Jo	0473236	AC Major	Par 6, WDSO No. 233, 1944
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2. The above officers have been relieved from active duty and their Qualification Cards are forwarded your office for disposition.

3. Request acknowledgement of receipt by indorsement hereon.

For the Commanding Officer:

C. M. CROSBY  
1st Lt, AUS  
Asst Adjutant

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OSS PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST  
(TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED IN TRIPPLICATE)

NAME: **Carleton S. Coon**

NATURE OF ACTION: **Transfer from Military to Civilian**

EFFECTIVE DATE:

FOR SEPARATIONS, TRANSFERS OUT, AND RESIGNATIONS  
LAST WORKING DAY:

FOR RESIGNATIONS FROM FEDERAL SERVICE ONLY  
SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. FOR MILITARY LEAVE WITHOUT PAY — ATTACH 3 COPIES OF MILITARY ORDERS AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A PHOTO-STAT OR CERTIFIED COPY.
2. EFFECTIVE DATE SHALL BE FILLED IN BY THE LEAVE UNIT, FINANCE BRANCH, FOR SEPARATIONS OR RESIGNATIONS.

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EMPLOYMENT

CHIEF, CIVILIAN  
PERSONNEL BRANCH

FROM

TO

TITLE

GRADE AND SALARY

BRANCH

DIVISION

SECTION

OFFICIAL STATION

DEPT. OR FIELD

**Branch Historian**

**\$7,000**

**\$0**

**Washington, D. C.**

**Departmental**

REMARKS OR PROPOSED DUTIES:

Job description is attached. Major Coon will get a medical discharge from the Army and will work as a civilian until March 1, 1945.

*per Budget*  
**CANCELLED**  
**DEC 9 - 1944**

RECOMMENDED:

OFFICE CHIEF, BRANCH CHIEF, OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE:

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(Use both sides of this sheet)

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Form No. 87  
Approved April 9, 1942  
(Revised July 1942)  
U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
U. S. Dept. of the Interior

## APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

**INSTRUCTIONS**—Answer every question clearly and completely. Type or write legibly in BLACK INK. To secure clear photographs, enclose for accompanying specimens. If you are applying for a specific United States position, in the office named therein, follow all directions, and mail this application to the U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., unless otherwise directed. Notify your office of any change of address.

This space for agent use:

**1. Name** (Last, first, and middle)  
**Principal Historian**

AY

This space for U. S. Civil Service Commission

To U. S. Civil Service Commission

**2. Place of examination** (If a written test, or place of employment applied for)  
**Washington, D. C.**

**3. Optional subject of examination** (If examination is for a position)  
**None**

**4. Name** (Last, first, and middle)  
**CARLETON STEVENS**

COON

**5. Address** (If a written test, or place of employment applied for)  
**Dorchester House, 2430 16th St., N.W.**

**Washington, D. C.**

**6. Date of birth** (month, day, year)  
**June 23, 1904**

**7. Age last birthday**  
**40**

**8. Date of this application**  
**Nov. 23, 1944**

**9. Legal or voting residence**  
**State Massachusetts**

**11. (a) Check one** (b) Check one  
☒ Male ☐ Single ☐ Widowed  
☐ Female ☐ Married ☒ Divorced

**10. Telephone numbers**  
**Do 4361** (Residence phone)  
**Ex 6100** (Business phone)  
**Ext. 2667**

**12. Height, with shoes**  
**6 ft. 0 in.**  
**210 lb.**

**13. Where were you born?** **Wakefield, Massachusetts**

Indicate "Yes" or "No" answer by placing X in proper column

14. Are you a citizen of the United States?  
Unless otherwise indicated, naturalized citizens must submit, along with this application, Naturalization Certificate, other foreign birth, documentary proof of citizenship. Documents will be returned.

15. Have you ever been arrested, or summoned into court as a defendant, or indicted, or convicted, or fined, or imprisoned, or placed on probation, or had any case against you been tried, or have you ever been ordered to deposit collateral for alleged breach or violation of any law or police regulation, or ordinance whatsoever? If so, list all cases, without any exception, with date, under item 45, page 4, giving in each case (1) the date, (2) your age at the time, (3) the place where the alleged offense or violation occurred, (4) the name and location of the court, (5) the nature of the offense or violation, (6) the penalty, if any imposed, or other disposition. The above question includes arrests for military or naval offenses and disciplinary action imposed by courts martial as well as in civil cases. If reported, your fingerprints will be taken.

16. (a) Have you any physical defect or disability whatsoever?  
(b) Have you ever had a nervous breakdown?  
our answer to either (a) or (b) is yes, give full particulars under item 45, page 4.

17. Do you advocate or have you ever advocated, or are you now, or have you ever been a member of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence?  
If so, give complete details under item 45.

18. Have you ever been discharged for misconduct or unsatisfactory service, or forced to resign from any position?  
If so, state (under item 45) when and where employed and give the name and address of your employer and the reason for your discharge or forced resignation in each case.

19. Within the past 12 months, have you used intoxicating beverages?  
If so, specify:  
☒ Occasionally ☐ Habitually ☐ To excess

20. Are any members of your family or relatives (either by blood or by marriage), employed by the United States Government, excluding persons in the armed forces?  
If so, give name, address, relationship, and branch of service of each such relative under item 45.

21. Are you NOW employed by the Federal Government?  
(a) If so, **OSS**  
(Department or Agency) **25th & E, Washington** (Bureau)

Indicate "Yes" or "No" answer by placing X in proper column

22. (a) Were you ever in the U. S. military or naval service?  
If so, give branch of service and date of last discharge.  
☒ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Marine ☐ Coast Guard  
(b) Were you ever in the U. S. military or naval service under honorific conditions?  
(c) Have you already established military preference with the Civil Service Commission?  
If so, check kind of preference below:  
☐ Veteran ☐ Disabled ☐ Wife of disabled ☐ Widow of disabled  
If you are applying for a specific examination, and wish to claim veteran preference in connection with it, attach C. S. C. (Preference) Form 14, together with the evidence specified therein.

23. Have you registered under the Selective Service Act?  
If so, give address and number of local board.  
**Concord, Mass.**  
If classified, give your classification **3-A**. Your order number.

24. (a) Are you now a member of any branch of military or naval reserve?  
If so, give name of organization.  
(b) Are you now on active duty?

25. Give number of persons completely dependent on you, other than husband or wife.  
**2**

26. Would you accept short term appointment?  
6 months ☒ 1 month ☐ 1 month

27. (a) Would you accept appointment anywhere offered in the United States?  
Give location preferences **Washington DC only**

(b) Would you accept appointment outside the United States?  
Give locations acceptable

(c) Would you accept appointment in Washington, D. C.?  
If so, and if you are applying for a specific examination, refer to the examination announcement to see if the Certificate of Residence (C. S. C. Form 12) is to be submitted. Proof of residence is required for many kinds of positions.

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Print name here as in Item 4 **CARLETON STEVENS COON**

31. (a) Have you ever filed applications for any Federal civil service examinations? **NQ** Yes ☒ No ☒  
(If so, list them below)

Titles of examinations	Examined in what cities	Month and year	Rating

(b) Have you passed any State or other civil service examination (other than the above) within the last 5 years? (If so, give details under Item 45) Yes ☐ No ☐

32. EDUCATION (a) Circle highest grade completed, elementary or high school 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Did you graduate? Yes ☐ No ☐

Name and location of school	Dates attended		Years completed		Degrees conferred		Semester hours credit
	From—	To—	Day	Night	Title	Date	
(b) College or university <b>Harvard</b>	1921	1928	5		AB*	1925	
					AM	1928	
					PhD	1928	
					* Magna cum Laude		
Other					Studies		

(d) List your four chief undergraduate subjects	Semester hrs	List your four chief graduate subjects	Semester hrs
<b>Anthropology</b>	*	<b>All Anthropology</b>	
<b>Greek</b>		<b>(not applicable at Harvard)</b>	
<b>Arabic</b>			
<b>Egyptology</b>			

33. Indicate your knowledge of foreign languages. *	READ			SPEAK			UNDERSTAND			34. Are you now a licensed member of any trade or profession (such as electrician, radio operator, pilot, lawyer, CPA, etc.)? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Exc	Good	Fair	Exc	Good	Fair	Exc	Good	Fair	
see page 45	X				X		X			
French		X			X			X		
German										
Arabic			X						X	
Spanish			X						X	

34. Are you now a licensed member of any trade or profession (such as electrician, radio operator, pilot, lawyer, CPA, etc.)? Yes ☒ No ☐  
If not, have you ever been licensed? ☐  
Give kind of license and State ☐  
Earliest license (year) ☐  
Most recent license (year) ☐

35. REFERENCES List five persons, who are not related to you by blood or marriage, who live in the United States, and who are or have been mainly responsible for close direction of your work, or who are in a position to judge your work critically in those occupations in which you regard yourself as best qualified.

Full name	Address (Give complete address, including street and number)	Business or occupation
<b>Conyers Read</b>	<b>OSS, 25th &amp; E, Washington, D.C.</b>	<b>Historian</b>
<b>Archibald MacLeish</b>	<b>Library of Congress, Washington</b>	<b>Librarian of Congress</b>
<b>Lawrence Winship</b>	<b>BOSTON GLOBE, Boston, Mass.</b>	<b>Newspaper Editor</b>
<b>Dr. E. A. Hooton</b>	<b>Peabody Museum, Harvard Univ.</b>	<b>Professor</b>
<b>Dr. Donald Scott</b>	<b>" " " "</b>	<b>Museum Director</b>

36. May inquiry be made of your present employer regarding your character, qualifications, etc.? Yes ☒ No ☐

37. EXPERIENCE. In the space furnished below give a record of every employment, both public and private, which you have had since you first began to work. Start with your present position and work back to the first position you held, accounting for all periods of unemployment. Describe your field of work and position and, except for employments held less than three months, give your duties and responsibilities in such detail as to make your qualifications clear. Give name you used on pay roll if different from that given on this application.

PRESENT POSITION	Place		From		to		Exact title of your position	Salary	
	(City)	(State)	(Month)	(Year)	(Month)	(Year)		Starting	Final
	<b>Washington</b>	<b>and overseas</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>1943</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Major, AUS</b>	<b>\$418</b>	<b>\$418</b>
Name of employer:	<b>United States Army</b>						Duties and responsibilities	<b>plus overseas pay</b>	
Address	<b>for OSS</b>						<b>Those of an Army Major</b>	<b>per diem, etc.</b>	
Kind of business or organization:	<b>Military</b>								
Number and class of employees you supervised	<b>various, depending on circumstances</b>						Machines and equipment you used	<b>weapons, vehicles</b>	
Name and title of your immediate supervisor	<b>Col. O. G. Pitz</b>								
	<b>Hq. &amp; Hq. Det., OSS</b>								

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Arabic  
 Spanish  
 Chinese  
 Japanese  
 Korean  
 Vietnamese  
 Other

Yes No  
 If not, have you ever been licensed?  
 Give kind of license and State  
 Earliest license (year)  
 Most recent license (year)  
 Must be a member of any trade or profession (such as  
 association, public speaker, pilot, lawyer, CPA, etc.)  
 Yes No  
 If not, have you ever been licensed?  
 Give kind of license and State  
 Earliest license (year)  
 Most recent license (year)

(This includes address, telephone, room and number)  
 Address  
 OSS, 25th & E. Washington, D.C.  
 Library of Congress, Washington  
 BOSTON GLOBE, Boston, Mass.  
 Peabody Museum, Harvard Univ.  
 Historian  
 Librarian of Congress  
 Newspaper Editor  
 Professor  
 Museum Director

M. May inquiry be made of your present employer regarding your character, qualifications, etc.?

N. EXPERIENCE In the space furnished below give a record of every employment, both public and private, which you have had since you first began to work. Start with your present position and work back to the first position you held, accounting for all periods of unemployment. Describe your field of work and position and, except for employments held less than three months, give your duties and responsibilities in such detail as to make your qualifications clear. Give name of employer, address, dates, and pay. If you used on pay roll if different from that given on this application.

Place Washington and overseas  
 From July 19 to 1943 to present 19  
 Name of employer: United States Army,  
 Address for OSS  
 Kind of business or organization:  
 Military  
 Number and class of employees you supervised Various, depending on circumstances  
 Name and title of your immediate supervisor Col. O. G. Fitz  
 Hq. & Hq. Det., OSS

Exact title of your position Major, AUS  
 Duties and responsibilities Those of an Army Major  
 Salary Starting \$ 418  
 Per Mo Final \$ 418  
 plus overseas pay per diem, etc.

Machines and equipment you used weapons, vehicles

U.S. Civil Service  
Washington, D.C.

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38. Do you hold any position or office under any State, Territory, county, or municipality? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
If so, give details under Item 45.

39. Do you receive any pension or other benefit (exclusive of Adjusted Service Certificate) for military or naval service, or an annuity from the U. S. Government under any Retirement Act? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
If so, give details under Item 45.

40. Show name and address of wife's (or husband's) employer (if none, write "None"):

NONE

41. (a) Were any of the following members of your family born outside Continental U. S. A.? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Wife \_\_\_\_\_ Husband \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

If so, indicate which by marking the appropriate space, and show under Item 45 for each, (1) full name, including maiden name of wife or mother; (2) birthplace; (3) native citizenship; and (4) if U. S. naturalized, date of naturalization.

(b) Have you any relatives, by blood or by marriage (excluding persons in the U. S. armed forces), now living in a foreign country? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, for each relative show under Item 45 the (1) name, (2) relationship (3) place of residence, (4) birthplace, (5) present citizenship, and (6) whether transient or resident.

42. List any special skills not shown in Question 37, such as operation of short-wave radio, multilith, key punch, turret-lathe, or scientific or professional devices:

(d) SKILL NONE SKILL SKILL  
Words per minute in typing \_\_\_\_\_ stenography \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have a license to operate an automobile? ☐ Yes ☐ No

43. State what kind of work you prefer historical research and writing

44. Give any special qualifications not covered elsewhere in your application, such as (a) your more important publications (do NOT submit copies unless requested); (b) your patents or inventions; (c) hobbies, construction of instruments, etc.

(a) TRIBES OF THE RIF, Cambridge, 1930  
FLESH OF THE WILD OX, NY, 1931  
THE RIFFIAN, Boston, 1933  
MEASURING ETHIOPIA, Boston, 1935  
THE RACES OF EUROPE, NY, 1939  
PRINCIPLES OF ANTHROPOLOGY, (with Dr. E. D. Chapple), N.Y., 1942

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45. Space for detailed answers to other questions:

Item No.	Write in left column numbers of items to which detailed answers apply
20	brother, Maurice Putnam Coon, employed by OSRD.
22	Am expecting discharge from Army shortly; the employment sought in this application to commence after discharge comes into effect.
33	Can read all Romance languages, and Greek. With practice can speak Berber and Albanian. Have had professional training in linguistics and semantics.
37	My pay varied from year to year, depending on what I was doing. Some years I was on expeditions and received expenses only; others I was teaching at both Harvard and Radcliffe, and my total pay depended on how many courses and tutees I was dealing with at Radcliffe, and whether I was teaching Summer School. In recent years it averaged ca. \$7500. In addition I received book royalties, public lecture fees, etc.

If more space is required, use a sheet of THIN paper, size 8 x 10 1/2 inches. Write on each sheet your name, full address, date of birth, and examination title (if any). Use one side only. Enclose, unattached, with application.

If you claim preference for the Indian Service as an Indian, you must file with this application a certificate from the superintendent of the Indian agency where you are registered, or from the Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, showing that you have at least one-fourth Indian blood.

**JURAT (OR OATH).**—This jurat (or oath) must be executed.

The following oath must be taken before a notary public, the secretary of a United States civil service board of examiners, or other officer authorized to administer oaths, before whom the applicant must appear in person. The following are among those not authorized to administer this oath: Postmasters (except in Alaska), Army officers, post-office inspectors, and chief clerks and assistant chief clerks in the Railway Mail Service.

The composition and work in connection with any material required to be submitted for this examination are entirely my own, except where I have given full credit for quoted matter or the collaboration of others by quotation marks and references, and in the composition of the same I have received no assistance except as indicated fully in my explanatory statement.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in answer to the foregoing questions are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, SO HELP ME GOD.

If female, prefix "Miss" or "Mrs." and if married use your own given name, as "Mrs. Mary L. Doe."

(Signature of applicant)

(Sign WITH PEN AND INK your name—one given name, initial or initials, and surname)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at city [or town] of \_\_\_\_\_, and State [or Territory or District] of \_\_\_\_\_ county of \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of officer)

(Official title)



Box 2601, Washington, D.C.  
November 23, 1944

U.S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

In response to the instructions at the head of Standard Form No. 57, which is enclosed, I am writing this letter to state why I am not applying for a specific civil service examination.

I am to be employed as an historian, a position which I currently occupy. I have been doing this work for the last five months, and my present project has not been completed. Since I am being discharged from the army, it is the wish of those in charge of this project to keep me on it until it is nearly or finally completed. It is my intention to return to my duties at Harvard University in March, 1945. The present application covers the period between my putative discharge from the army and that date.

Since my job does not come under any formal civil service category, and since I am already doing it to the satisfaction of my employers, there seems no need for a special examination.

Sincerely,

  
Carleton S. Coon  
Major, AUS

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Lt. Col. Carl Hoffman  
FROM : Major C. S. Coon  
SUBJECT: Civilian Salary

DATE: 16 Nov. 1944

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- (1) Within the next few weeks I expect my medical discharge from the Army. As agreed orally, I shall then go on the civilian payroll of SO as branch historian, this arrangement to last from the date of discharge until March 1, 1944.
- (2) Since I am obliged to send out \$300 a month for the support of my wife and the partial support of my children, and since I will, as a civilian, be liable for increased income tax, I will require a salary of approximately \$7,000 a year for this period.

  
C. S. COON  
Maj. Inf.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Lt. Col. Carl O. Hoffman  
 FROM : Major Carleton S. Coon  
 SUBJECT: Job Description

DATE: 18 November 1944

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL  
 OFFICE OF  
 PERSONNEL SERVICES

1. From the present date until March 1, 1945, I intend to continue my present occupation, both as an officer and as a civilian; my military status or absence thereof will make no difference in my work.
2. My present occupation is twofold; Branch Historian of SO and Theater Historian of the Mediterranean Theater. There are other Branch Historians, but I am the only Theater Historian in the organization.
3. At present I have three assistants helping me on the Theater History; I have not yet succeeded in finding a suitable assistant in the Branch History, but hope that such a person will appear. I usually have enough typing to keep two or three women busy full time.
4. My technique of writing history has been derived in part from my experience as a professional anthropologist and in part from the lessons learned in writing the history of the Torch Operation, which took me from June to September 1944. My first step is twofold; to interview as many as possible of the men who have actually participated in OSS operations, and obtain from them critical narratives in their own individual styles; to abstract pertinent data from records and reports on file in Washington.

My second step is to prepare from these sources an objective narrative of events, taking into consideration the principle that history is a record of changes in the relations of individuals and institutions; not daily or seasonal or other routine and repetitive changes which involve no alteration of the current equilibria of the persons and institutions concerned, but those which permanently alter the adjustment of human beings within institutions and in society as a whole.\*

5. I frankly consider this an experiment in the technique of writing history, one which interests me very much, and which I

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\* See Chapple and Coon, Principles of Anthropology, N. Y. 1942.

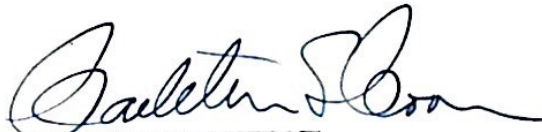
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hope will be of profit to the organization in that it will point out in an impersonal way the causes of our successes and failures, so that we can learn how best to regulate the internal structure of our organization, how to perform, most effectively the operations for which it exists, and in particular how to select personnel best qualified to fill the varied and specialized positions necessary in an organization such as ours. In other words, I believe that history can approach the status of a science, in that functional relationships between variables can be learned and future behavior predicted, and that like other forms of science it can be put to practical use. The greatest single task which confronts all of us, once the war is won, is to prevent its recurrence; if the OSS history can do its share in giving guidance, this project will well be worth the effort, time, and expense.



CARLETON S. COON  
Maj. AUS



Form 55 E-9  
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.  
(Revised May 31, 1939)

Sta: OSS, Washington, D.C.

# ALLERGY EXAMINATION

Name COON, Carleton S.

Grade

Maj.

Ward

Date 15 Sept.

Hospital WRGH

Tentative diagnosis Asthma

Pertinent clinical history

Eosinophiles

Age 40

A. J. Barbano, Capt., MC/ehs

M. C.

Rfd by Robert E. Wolf, Maj. MC

Hospital WRGH

Date 22 September, 19 44

Report: The patient states that since age 11 or 12 years he has had allergic reactions whenever he ate eggs. Within ten minutes after eating egg he develops tightness of the throat, difficulty in breathing, shallow rapid breathing, tachycardia, followed by protracted vomiting which finally gives relief. He has not noted wheezing. Following vomiting he is weak and exhausted for about 24 hours and has aphonia for the same length of time. He has noted that when he eats egg in smaller quantities he has partial loss of the voice only without the other symptoms. The odor of frying eggs will cause vomiting. Ingestion of chicken also causes vomiting. He is able to tolerate small quantities of turkey and duck. Rabbit meat also causes vomiting. Young veal or pork also cause vomiting.

The patient entered on active duty 16 July 1943. He had been a civilian government employee for about 16 months and was on overseas duty since May 1942. He avoided eating the offending foods most of the time, although he had severe reactions occasionally. Since entry into the Army he has had to eat at Army messes, which gave frequent reaction because of the wide use of egg powder. He consequently ate very little and lost about 50 pounds in weight. He has regained most of this weight since return to the United States.

No other allergic symptoms.

Family history: The patient states that his mother is allergic to eggs, but her reaction is not known. His son will not eat eggs because when he does he develops nausea.

(Continued on Form 55 C-2)

L. E. Lieder, Lt. Colonel,

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# SKIN TESTS

SERIES I			SERIES III		SERIES V	
	100	1,000				
Dust	—	—	Oats	—	Alternaria	—
Cat Ep	—	—	Barley	—	Aspergillus	—
Cow Ep	—	—	Rye	+	Hormadendrum	—
Dog Ep	—	—	Buckwheat	—	Cephalothecium	—
Goat Ep	—	—	Lamb	—	Monilia	—
Horse Ep	—	—	Asparagus	+	Mucor	—
Rabbit Ep	—	—	Beets	—	Odiomycin	—
Feathers	—	—	Cabbage	—	Penicillium	—
Cottonseed	—	—	Carrot	—	Trichophyton	—
Flaxseed	—	—	Cauliflower	—	Ascaris	—
Kapok	—	—	Celery	—		
Silk	—	—	Sweet corn	—	POLLENS	
Wool	—	—	Lettuce	—	Timothy	—
Pyrethrum	—	—	String bean	—	Plantain	—
Fish glue	—	—	Onion	—	Ragweed	—
Orris	—	—	Sweetpotato	—	Sorrel	—
Tobacco	—	—	Spinach	—	Ash	—
Horse serum	—	—	Tomato	—	Beech	—
Timothy	—	+	Coconut	—	Birch	—
Ragweed	—	+	Almond	—	Elm	—
Plantain	—	—	Walnut	—	Hickory	—
SERIES II			SERIES IV		Maple	—
Egg white .001	—	—	Coffee	—	Oak	—
Milk .1	—	—	Tea	—	Poplar	—
Wheat .1	—	—	Cod	—	Sycamore	—
Beef .1	—	—	Flounder	—	MISCELLANEOUS	
Chicken .1	—	—	Salmon	—	mixed fish 1000	—
Pork .1	—	—	Sardine	—	Egg white 1 m	—
Fish .01	—	—	Tuna	—	" 10 m	—
Shellfish .01	—	—	Oyster	—	" 1-1000	+
Corn meal .1	—	—	Shrimp	—	" 1-1000	+
Lima bean .1	—	—	Apple	—		
Orange .1	—	—	Cantaloup	—		
Mustard .001	—	—	Cherry	—		
White potato .1	—	—	Grape	—		
Rice .1	—	—	Grapefruit	—		
Green pea .1	—	—	Lemon	—		
Banana .1	—	—	Orange	—		
Chocolate .05	—	—	Peach	—		
Peanut .001	—	—	Pear	—		
			Pineapple	—		
			Prune	—		
			Strawberry	—		



FORM 55 C-2  
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.  
(Revised May 31, 1939)

### SPECIAL EXAMINATION OR ADDITIONAL DATA

Name Coon, Carleton S. Grade Major Ward Rec. Off.

(This sheet to be used for extension from Forms 55 B and 55 C-1 when the space allotted in the regular form is insufficient. Notation of such extension will be recorded in the regular space provided in the history.)

#### ALLERGY CONSULTATION (Continued):

Impression: Food allergy to egg, chronic, moderate. The patient may also have a number of other mild food sensitivities, but these were not established by skin tests.

Recommendations: Complete avoidance of egg and egg containing foods. Since this is impossible at regular Army messes, I feel that it would be inadvisable for this patient to be allowed on overseas duty.

*L. E. Lieder*  
L. E. Lieder,  
Lt. Colonel, M. C.

W.R.G.H.

(Use both sides of this sheet)

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C.P.B. -- WORK SHEET

Eff 1/12

NAME Coon, Carlota S. E.O.B. 1/23

TITLE Spec. Asst. to Dep. Director

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ SALARY \$ 7000 Level

NATURE OF ACTION 002 E.A. Temporary

BRANCH SSO DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

Request for Authorization	_____	Duplicate Form 57	_____
Request for Examination	_____	OSS Form 1001	_____
Statement of Availability	_____	OSS Form 2206 (SA-2)	_____
Work Permit	_____	Form 2413	_____
	_____	(a) Private Physician	_____
	_____	(b) Public Health	_____
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REMARKS Spec. O.K.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ INTERVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_

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Dr. Dexter M. Ballard  
Physician in Charge

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**Chestnut Lodge Sanitarium**  
**Rockville, Maryland**

August 18, 1944

Lt. Col. Carl O. Hoffmann  
Office of Strategic Services  
25th & E Streets  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Hoffmann:

I examined Major Carleton Coon on Saturday, August 12th. I am enclosing a report of what I considered to be the major significant findings, together with my impression as to his present neurological status.

I should like to add a quite unofficial and general impression which I have gotten from my experience with a number of men in similar situations. It is simply that I feel their future usefulness might be seriously curtailed by too prolonged strain of physical effort under dangerous conditions. You will, I am sure, understand that I speak from a physician's interest in the ultimate health and productive capacity of the patient, realizing that my impression would have to be balanced against the importance of their participation in any particular job.

Very sincerely,

*David McK. Rioch*  
David McK. Rioch, M. D.

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Dr. Dexter M. Bullard  
Physician in Charge

## Chestnut Lodge Sanitarium Rockville, Maryland

Summary of significant findings in examination  
of Major Carleton Coon, Aug. 12, 1944.

There is a history of several concussions, the most severe of which was at the age of 15. At that time he was knocked out by a blow on the bridge of the nose, put to bed while still unconscious, and did not wake up until the following morning.

In 1925, while on an expedition in North Africa, he had a prolonged illness, with fever and loss of weight from 145 to 95 lbs. The sight in the left eye was lost during this illness and was only gradually recovered after return to this country several months later.

Approximately 10 years ago he began to have sharp attacks of pain which radiated round the trunk at the lower margin of the ribs. He was treated for about 2 years for duodenal ulcer, without relief. He then noticed that his left leg was slightly shorter than the right and had the heel of the left shoe elevated  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch. The pains promptly stopped.

Approximately one year ago, after having had several traumatic experiences and having been on an inadequate diet for sometime in North Africa, he had a series of attacks with the following characteristics: onset was with severe pain at the back of the neck followed by a sense of difficulty in breathing. Hyperpnoea, hyperventilation and severe tachycardia quickly supervened. After this had continued a few minutes a sense of numbness developed in the fourth and fifth digits of the left hand, extended to the other digits, then appeared in the right hand and spread up both arms. In the more severe attacks similar numbness developed in the toes and extended to the knees. This was accompanied by a marked sense of weakness, though the legs twitched and jerked during the attack. Recovery was spontaneous in from 15 to 45 minutes, depending on the severity of the attack, but it left him weak for the rest of the day. Shortly after the onset of these attacks he was ordered back to this country and the attacks decreased in intensity and frequency.

On returning here he consulted Dr. Gilbert Horrax, of the Lahey Clinic, Boston, Mass. A diagnosis of cerebellar tumor was made and a pneumo-encephalogram for confirmation was carried out. The latter showed normal ventricles and no signs of tumor, but there were indications of thickened meninges and of adhesions between the pia and dura. As these findings ruled out the question of tumor Dr. Horrax recommended section of the greater occipital nerves to relieve the pain at the back of the neck, which had continued. The nerves were sectioned, and resulted in anesthesia of the back of the scalp to the vertex. The pain in the suboccipital region and at the back of the neck was temporarily relieved. As frequently happens, the pain has returned recently.

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There is also a history of pain in the face on two previous occasions. Several years ago there was severe pain in the left jaw following the extraction of a tooth. An attempt to produce an alcohol block of the mandibular branch of the left trigeminal nerve failed, but the symptoms were later entirely relieved by an operation on the left mandible which removed a number of fragments of bone pressing on the nerve. Soon after there was pain through the right side of the face and head, which was probably of the nature of a "histamine" headache. This stopped spontaneously following a severe emotional reaction.

#### Neurological Examination.

The very slight shortness of the left leg results in some postural asymmetry and slight limp which is corrected by the raised heel on his shoe. Muscular power and coordination is otherwise normal and equal on the two sides. Fine movements are well performed.

There is no ataxia, tremor, involuntary movement or muscular fibrillation. No signs of cerebellar disease.

Position, pain and touch senses are normal throughout. No swaying in the Romberg position. (There is of course sensory anesthesia over the area supplied by the greater occipital nerves. The margins of this area of anesthesia are no longer sharp, suggesting that a certain amount of regeneration has occurred).

Ophthalmoscopic examination shows the left disc slightly pale and its superior margins somewhat indistinct. There is no evidence now of present or past papilledema. The retinal vessels are entirely normal and there are no signs of retinitis.

The deep reflexes are brisk and equal throughout. Plantar stimulation gives normal planter flexion. Abdominal reflexes were obtained on first examination, but not on repetition.

#### Impression.

Neurological examination is now within normal limits, with the exception of the changes in the left optic disc. These are probably due to the illness in 1925, possibly on the basis of anemia or vascular change at that time.

The findings by pneumoencephalogram are consistent with the history of repeated concussions and would support a diagnosis of a mild post-traumatic syndrome. Further laboratory and clinical examinations would be necessary to determine the relation of these findings to the neurological symptoms.

With regard to physical fitness to undertake new assignments my impression is that Major Coon is able to undertake an assignment of limited duration, i.e., one in which the factors of physical strain and of the anxieties attendant on responsibility do not exceed three to four weeks. The report of the pneumoencephalogram and the history of other, repeated head traumata are consistent with reduction in ability to undergo strain over long periods, although there is no evidence of reduction in the subject's normal ability provided adequate rest and diet are available.



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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
24th and F Sts., N. W.  
Washington 25, D.C.

OFFICERS CLEARANCE SHEET

4 July 1944  
Date

Clearance on :

Carleton S. Coon Major AUS 0-925129  
NAME RANK ARM OR SERVICE ASN

<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT DUE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Camp Mess Officer *(Field or Garrison)	<u>None</u>	<u>Jack Dore</u>
Headquarters Supply Office	<u>None</u>	<u>Jack Dore</u>
Camp Supply Office	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
Laundry	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
Library	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
Special Funds	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

\*Cross out one.

I certify that to the best of knowledge and belief I  
am clear of responsibility for property, equipment, mess  
bills and personal telephone calls pertaining to the C.S.S.  
and that I am free of indebtedness to civilian concerns in  
the vicinity.

Jack Dore  
Signature

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
24th and F Sts., N. W.  
Washington 25, D.C.

201- Coon, Carleton S. (O)

4 July 1944

SUBJECT: Clearance.

TO

Under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 35-3420, dated September 25, 1941, I certify that Major Carleton S. Coon, O-925129, AUS is not indebted to the United States or any of its agencies of instrumentalities nor responsible or accountable for any government property incident to his tour of active duty, at this station during the period to \_\_\_\_\_ except as follows:

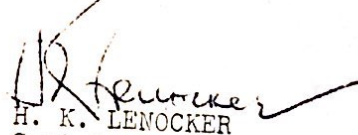
and ~~that~~ was not furnished government quarters during the period of his duty at this headquarters from 1 July 1944 to \_\_\_\_\_.

I further certify that records show Major Carleton S. Coon was granted 7 days leave of absence incident to his duty at this station as follows:

<u>7</u> Days, From <u>2-15-44</u> to <u>2-21-44</u>
Days, From _____ to _____
Days, From _____ to _____
Days, From _____ to _____

Sick leave from 12-20-43 to 2-1-44  
Excess leave: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Commanding Officer:

  
H. K. LENOCKER  
Captain, AGD,  
Asst. Adjutant.

d. Each officer is authorized an excess \_\_\_\_\_ pounds for the purpose of taking special O.S.S. equipment, which will be furnished at home station prior to departure.

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
24TH & F STREETS, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

370.5 (24 Jun 44)

27 June 1944

SUBJECT: Travel Orders, Shipment IJ-204-HK  
TO : Personnel Concerned

1. Upon call of the Commanding General, Air Transport Command the following named officers are relieved from their present station and duty and directed to proceed, by air, from Washington, D. C. and/or Miami, Florida and/or New York, New York to an overseas destination under Shipment IJ-204-HK, and upon arrival at overseas destination, officers will report to the Commanding General thereof for duty with the Office of Strategic Services:

Major Carleton S. Coon, O 925 129, AUS (APR-3-218314-USG)  
Captain Gordon H. Browne, O 925 579, AUS (APR-3-218314-USG)

2. This is a TEMPORARY change of station of approximately three (3) months duration. Upon completion of this temporary duty, officers will return to their proper station, Washington, D. C.

3. TDN, 1-5000 P 432-02, 03 A 0425-24, 25. Travel by military, naval or commercial aircraft (Per 3, AR 55-120, 1943) is directed for the accomplishment of an emergency war mission. Travel by army or naval transport, commercial steamship, belligerent vessel or aircraft, and rail is authorized. In lieu of subsistence, a flat per diem of \$7.00 is authorized while absent from permanent station, in accordance with existing law and regulations. When Government quarters or billets are furnished and messing facilities are available, per diem allowances are suspended.

4. a. A baggage allowance of sixty-five (65) pounds is authorized while traveling by aircraft. Officers will take such articles of clothing and individual equipment (summer and winter) prescribed in T/E 21, 15 December 1943, as may be necessary for the accomplishment of this mission, and within the authorized weight allowance, with the following additional items to be furnished at home station:

First aid packet (1 per individual)  
Socks, wool (3 extra pair per individual)  
Bag, duffel (1 per individual)  
Hats & Caps, HBT, and socks cotton, tan, are not authorized.

Note: Trunk lockers are not authorized.

b. Individual equipment for extended field service will be drawn upon arrival at final destination.

c. The following arms and accessories are authorized:

1 pistol, auto. .45 cal. M1911	1 belt, pistol
1 holster, leather, .45 cal.	2 magazines, assem (clip) .45 cal.
1 pockets, magazine, web, double	21 rounds, cart., ammunition, .45 cal.

d. Each officer is authorized an excess baggage allowance of twenty-five (25) pounds for the purpose of taking special O.S.S. equipment, which will be furnished at home station prior to departure.

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5. The Commanding General, Air Transport Command is requested to designate the port of aerial embarkation and to make the necessary transportation available.
6. Baggage to accompany individuals by air will be marked with the owner's full name, rank, serial number, and will accompany owner to the port of aerial embarkation. Baggage will not be marked so as to disclose the overseas destination.
7. Officers will advise correspondents, at the appropriate time, that their post office address until further notice will be:

Individual's name, rank, serial number  
APO 577S, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Upon arrival at destination officers will use the APO address of the troops at that place and will advise correspondents promptly of the new address.

8. Each individual is cautioned to refrain from discussing the overseas destination of this movement, even by shipment number, as the meaning thereof may later become known by correspondents and the security provided be violated.

9. Reimbursement for the expenses incurred in connection with the travel will be made to the War Department by the Office of Strategic Services. Finance Officer making payment in connection with the travel performed will submit a copy of the voucher, together with a copy of the travel order, showing the amount paid, month in which paid, voucher number and citation of this order. The copy of the voucher and copy of travel order will be forwarded by letter of transmittal to The Adjutant General, Attention Fiscal and Budget Section, Operations Branch, AGO, stating that the inclosed copy of voucher and travel order are furnished for the purpose of securing reimbursement from the Office of Strategic Services.

10. AUTHORITY: WD TAGO letter file AG 210.31 (19 Jun 44)OB-S-E-M dated 24 Jun 44, Subject: Travel Orders, Shipment IJ-204-BK, IJ-176-EL and IJ-204-HM.

By order of Colonel FITZ:

*H. W. Kunkle*

H. W. KUNKLE,  
1st Lt., OMC,  
Asst. Adjutant.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

16 June 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. J. B. deSibour

FROM: Edward J. Goff, 1st Lt. TC *EG*  
For: James W. Kirk, Major TC  
Chief, Group Transportation Unit

SUBJECT: Group 60000 - Section 31  
(2 Army Officers)  
"Major C. S. C." and "Capt. G. H. B."

Coon + Browne

1. Request for Overseas Travel form covering the above was received in this office June 14, 1944.
2. The TRO identification number is assigned for reason of security. Future correspondence and conversation should refer to number rather than name in the interest of maximum security.
3. The request form is:

☒ COMPLETE,

and will be registered with JCS and OPD for transportation.

☐ INCOMPLETE.

Registration with JCS and OPD for transportation will be withheld pending receipt of the following information:

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APPLICATION FORM FOR  
COMMISSIONS IN ARMY, NAVY, OR MARINE CORPS  
(OSS FORM)

1. Full Name Carlton S. Coen
2. Date and Place of Birth June 23, 1904 Wakefield, Massachusetts
3. Selective Service Classification 3 A
4. Has he been called for induction? No
5. Has he been deferred in order to enable him to attempt to obtain commission? No
6. Present pay or earnings per annum \$6000
7. Pay per annum for grade requested \$3991
8. Can proposed duty be as effectively performed by available civilian personnel? Give reasons. No Special training and experience in action. He also possesses a specialized knowledge of the theatre of operations to which he will be sent.
9. Is his training or experience for the particular position beyond that normally provided at Officer Candidate Schools?  
State reasons. Yes, applicant has had active combat training with regular troops with guerrilla forces. He is considered a foremost world authority on native tribes in the theatre to which he will be assigned. In addition subject also speaks six languages.
10. Prior commissioned service? What? Was it terminated honorably?  
None
11. Is written release from civilian employment enclosed (if applicant is not now employed by OSS)? Applicant is now employed by OSS.

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12. Complete statement of the critical need for the services of the particularly specially-qualified individual or a statement that the individual is of "scarce category of specialized skill":

Applicant can be considered in the classification of "scarce category of specialized skill" He has special capabilities and training for the particular duties which will be assigned him for this secret mission overseas.

13. State fully the duty for which officer is intended and why a military status is required:

Applicant will be assigned to a special secret mission overseas, and because of reasons of security, it is not advisable to detail his duties.

For the proper performance of these duties it will be necessary that the applicant be commissioned either in the grade of captain or preferably major.

14. Citizenship Status American (birth)

15. Educational Qualifications Applicant has a Ph. D. Degree - Harvard, 1928 also 8 years of teaching experience at Harvard.

*Paul H. Sloan*  
Signature of Applicant

Approved:

Signature of Branch Head

Date

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NAME <b>COON, Carleton S.</b>		HOME ADDRESS <b>41 Jordan Avenue, Wakefield, Mass.</b>																			
NEXT OF KIN <b>Mrs. Carleton Coon</b>		ADDRESS <b>41 Jordan Avenue, Wakefield, Mass.</b>																			
RECOMMENDED BY <b>Wife</b>		TEL. <b>TEL.</b>																			
ORIGINATING OFFICER <b>Mr. Phillips</b>		OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT <b>NEM-1, SO, CAIRO</b>																			
INTERVIEWER <b>Mr. Phillips</b>		OPERS <b>#9 July 27, 1943</b>																			
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Coon, Carleton Stevens  
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DATE OF RANK 7-17-43

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REMARKS:

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June 23, 1904  
DATE OF BIRTH

Temp apt Major AUS per Ltr AG 201 Coon, Carleton Stevens (16 Jul 43)  
PR-A sub "Temporary Appointment" dtd 7-16-43. Ordered on AB with OSS  
Wash. DC per P 20 SO 198 WD dtd 7-17-43. Joined 7-17-43.

Reld fr asgt & duty OSS Wash. DC & asgd to station outside cont lim  
of US, Cairo, Egypt. Will proc fr Wash. DC and/or NY and/or Miami,  
Fla to Cairo. per Ltr O AG 210.31 (31 Jul 43) PO-A subject "Movement  
Orders" dtd 8-7-43. Departed on DS 8-11-43.

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Fr duty to sk lv o/a 12-19-43, 15 days, P 10 SO 290 Hq & Hq Det OSS  
dtd 12-18-43. Departed 12-19-43



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Maj.		Coon, Carleton S.		Carl	0-925129	SSO FORM 1729 SO-MENA	
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PROPOSED TRAINING PROGRAM		ACTUAL TRAINING PROGRAM			APPROVALS		
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		Wash	6/30		TRANSPORTATION REQUESTED		
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FURLOUGH DATES, PASS DATES, R AND Q DATES, ETC.							
REMARKS OF SCHOOLS OFFICER:							

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ACTION

Trans. to SO-NA USAFIME.

Returned to Washington 8 Aug 44

SO#33 dtd 27 May 44 - reld fr temp dy with OSS, Wash. D.C. asgmt to Cairo Hq. & trsf'd to OSS Wash, D.C. Auth WD instructions contained in AMSME Cable #40620, dtd 24 May 44.

Ltr 27 Aug 44 - returned from theater during August

SO#15 dtd 10 Aug 44 - on TD with SO, Company "A" eff 9 Jul 44

Hdq. L.O.#96 dtd 12 Aug 44 - transf. to CBI

Form OSSO #1

NAME

COON, Carleton S.

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S. S. O: REQUESTED

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SECURITY: REQUESTED

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7/3/43

OVERSEAS: REQUESTED

APPROVED

6/14/44

TRANSFER: REQUESTED

EFFECTED

PROCESSING COMPLETED

HD. Q. CHECKLIST

T. O. CHECKLIST

CABLES TO THEATER COMMANDER

CM-IN-6746, 6/9/44 - Air #3 AFHQ #30611

SCHOOLS & TRAINING

S-49 -- 6/26/44

U. S. ASSIGNMENT

COMMISSION: APPLIED FOR

MIL. PERS. BD. OSS

SERVICE BOARD

O. P. S.

DATE

(assign commission)

FINAL CHECKLIST

DEPARTURE: DATE

7/6/44

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NOTIFICATION  
TO FIELD HD. Q

NOTIFICATION  
OF SAFE ARRIVAL

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Standard Form No. 57  
Approved April 9, 1942  
(Revised July 1942)  
U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
C. S. C. Dept. Cir. No. 332

## APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

INSTRUCTIONS.—Answer every question clearly and completely. Typewrite or write legibly in BLACK INK, to assure clear photographic copies for appointing agencies. If you are applying for a specific United States Civil Service Examination, read the Examination Announcement carefully, follow all directions, and mail this application to the office named therein; if not, mail with an explanatory letter to the U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

COON, Carleton S. Dr.

E.O.D.  
4/1/42

BRANCH

S.O. X

DATE	MONTHLY SALARY	OVERTIME	TOTAL	DEDUCTIONS		NET
				W. H. T.	W. B.	
1 Jan. 1943	400.00	None	400.00	17.40		382.60
22 June 1943	500.00	None	500.00	22.40		473.60

Payment by: cash  
check  
Delivered to:  
Mailed

Address:

Remarks:

Commissioned as Major  
eff. July 16, 1943

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This space for agency use:

U. S. Civil Service Commission

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Yes

No

14. Are you a citizen of the United States?

Unless otherwise instructed, naturalized citizens must submit, along with this application, Naturalization Certificate, other foreign-born, documentary proof of citizenship. Documents will be returned.

15. Have you ever been arrested, or summoned into court as a defendant, or indicted, or imprisoned, or been fined, or have

been fined, or have  
alleged breach or  
be whatsoever?  
ever, under Item  
age at the time.

If so, give branch of service and date of last discharge:  
\* Army Navy Marine Coast Guard Date

(b) Were all discharges granted under honorable conditions?  
(c) Have you already established military preference with the Civil Service Commission?

If so, check kind of preference below:  
-- Veteran. -- Disabled -- Wife of disabled -- Widow of  
veteran. veteran. veteran.

If you are applying for a specific examination, and wish to claim veteran preference in connection with it, attach C. S. C. (Preference) Form 14, together with the evidence specified therein.

OFFICER'S PAY CARD

Carleton S. O-925129 Major, AUS







## APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

**INSTRUCTIONS.**—Answer every question clearly and completely. Typewrite or write legibly in BLACK INK. To assure clear photographic copies for appointing agencies. If you are applying for a specific United States Civil Service Examination, read the Examination Announcement carefully, follow all directions, and mail this application to the office named therein; if not, mail with an explanatory letter to the U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., unless otherwise directed. Notify same office of any change of address.

This space for agency use:

1. Name of examination, if any, or name of position applied for: <b>Principal Historian</b>	AV.	This space for U. S. Civil Service Commission <b>Nov 21 4 44 PM '44</b> <b>CIVILIAN PERSONNEL</b>	To U. S. Civil Service Commission
2. Place of examination (if a written test), or place of employment applied for: <b>Washington, D. C.</b> (City and State)			
3. Optional subject (if mentioned in examination announcement): <b>None</b>			

4. <b>CARLETON STEVENS COON</b> (First name) (Middle) (Maiden, if any) (Last)	O. S. _____
5. <b>Dorchester House, 2480 16th St., N.W.</b> (R. D. or street and number)	Gr. _____
<b>Washington, D. C.</b> (City or post office, and State)	E & E. _____
6. Date of birth (month, day, year): <b>June 23, 1904</b>	P & D. _____
7. Age last birthday: <b>40</b>	Ini. _____
8. Date of this application: <b>Nov. 23, 1944</b>	
9. Legal or voting residence: State <b>Massachusetts</b>	Preference: Allowed— — Veteran. _____ — Disability. _____ — Wife. _____ — Widowed. _____ — Disallowed. _____ — Closed. _____
10. Telephone numbers: <b>Ex 6100</b> <b>De 4361</b> <b>Ext. 2667</b> (Residence phone) (Business phone)	Adm'd exam. _____ Approved by _____ Exam. date _____ Not. Ra. _____ Date Reg. _____
11. (a) Check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male. <input type="checkbox"/> Female. (b) Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Single. <input type="checkbox"/> Married. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced. <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed. <input type="checkbox"/> Separated.	Material att'd. _____ Material filed. _____
12. Height, with-Weight: 6 ft. 0 in. 210 lb.	
13. Where were you born? <b>Wakefield, Massachusetts</b> (Town) (State or country)	Indian. _____ Material ret. _____

Indicate "Yes" or "No" answer by placing X in proper column

	Yes	No
14. Are you a citizen of the United States? Unless otherwise instructed, naturalized citizens must submit, along with this application, Naturalization Certificate, other foreign-born, documentary proof of citizenship. Documents will be returned.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Have you ever been arrested, or summoned into court as a defendant, or indicted, or convicted, or fined, or imprisoned, or placed on probation, or has any case against you been filed, or have you ever been ordered to deposit collateral for alleged breach, or violation of any law or police regulation or ordinance whatsoever? If so, list all cases, without any exception whatsoever, under Item 45, page 4, giving in each case (1) the date, (2) your age at the time, (3) the place where the alleged offense or violation occurred, (4) the name and location of the court, (5) the nature of the offense or violation, (6) the penalty, if any, imposed, or other disposition. The above question includes arrests by military or naval authorities and disciplinary action imposed by courts martial, as well as in civil cases. If appointed, your fingerprints will be taken.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16. (a) Have you any physical defect or disability whatsoever? (b) Have you ever had a nervous breakdown? Our answer to either (a) or (b) is yes, give full particulars under Item 45, page 4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17. Do you advocate or have you ever advocated, or are you now or have you ever been a member of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence? If so, give complete details under Item 45.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18. Have you ever been discharged for misconduct or unsatisfactory service, or forced to resign from any position? If so, state (under Item 45) when and where employed and give the name and address of your employer and the reason for your discharge or forced resignation in each case.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19. Within the past 12 months, have you used intoxicating beverages? If so, specify: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occasionally <input type="checkbox"/> Habitually <input type="checkbox"/> To excess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Are any members of your family or relatives (either by blood or by marriage), employed by the United States Government, excluding persons in the armed forces? If so, give name, address, relationship, and branch of service of each such relative under Item 45.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Are you NOW employed by the Federal Government? (a) If so, <b>OSS</b> <b>25th &amp; E. Washington</b> (Bureau) (Location) (b) If you now are or have ever been so employed, give dates: from <b>March</b> 19 <b>42</b> to <b>present</b> 19 <b>44</b> (Month) (Year) (Month) (Year)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Indicate "Yes" or "No" answer by placing X in proper column

	Yes	No
22. (a) Were you ever in the U. S. military or naval service? If so, give branch of service and date of last discharge. <b>*will be before this is effective</b> (b) Were all discharges granted under honorable conditions? (c) Have you already established military preference with the Civil Service Commission? If so, check kind of preference below: — Veteran. — Disabled. — Wife of disabled. — Widow of veteran. If you are applying for a specific examination, and wish to claim veteran preference in connection with it, attach C. S. C. (Preference) Form 14, together with the evidence specified therein.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Have you registered under the Selective Service Act? If so, give address and number of local board. <b>Concord, Mass.</b> If classified, give your classification <b>3-A</b> Your order number _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. (a) Are you now a member of any branch of military or naval reserve? If so, give name of organization. (b) Are you now on active duty?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25. Give number of persons completely dependent on you, other than husband or wife.	<b>2</b>	
26. Would you accept short term appointment? — 6 months. — 3 months. — 1 month.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. (a) Would you accept appointment anywhere offered in the United States? Give location preferences <b>Washington DC only</b> (b) Would you accept appointment outside the United States? Give locations acceptable _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Would you accept appointment in Washington, D. C.? <b>X</b> If so, and if you are applying for a specific examination, refer to the examination announcement to see if the Certificate of Residence (C. S. C. Form 12) is to be submitted. Proof of residence is required for many kinds of positions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? \$ <b>7,000</b> per <b>year</b> You will not be considered for positions paying less.		
29. If you are willing to travel specify: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occasionally <input type="checkbox"/> Frequently <input type="checkbox"/> Constantly.		
30. How much notice will you require to report for work? <b>None</b>		

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COON, Carleton S.  
Major  
(Army)



Print or type your name here as in Item 4

CARLETON

STEVENS COON

NO

31. (a) Have you ever filed applications for any Federal civil service examinations? (If so, list them below.)

Yes No

Titles of examinations	Examined in what cities	Month and year	Ratings

(b) Have you passed any State or other civil service examination (other than the above) within the last 5 years? (If so, give details under Item 45)

Yes No

32. EDUCATION (a) Circle highest grade completed, elementary or high school 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12. Did you graduate?

Yes No

Name and location of school	Dates attended		Years completed		Degrees conferred		Semester hours credit
	From—	To—	Day	Night	Title	Date	
(b) College or university	1921	1928	5		AB	1925	
					AM	1928	
					PHD	1928	
	* Magna cum Laude						
Other					Studies		

(d) List your four chief undergraduate subjects	Semester hrs	List your four chief graduate subjects	Semester hrs
Anthropology	*	All Anthropology	*
Greek			
Arabic		(not applicable at Harvard)	
Egyptology			

33. Indicate your knowledge of foreign languages. *	READ			SPEAK			UNDERSTAND		
	Exc	Good	Fair	Exc	Good	Fair	Exc	Good	Fair
French	X			X			X		
German		X		X			X		
Arabic			X	X	X		X	X	
Spanish		X				X			X
Portuguese		X				X			X

34. Are you now a licensed member of any trade or profession (such as electrician, radio operator, pilot, lawyer, CPA, etc.)?	Yes No
If not, have you ever been licensed?	X
Give kind of license and State	
Earliest license (year)	
Most recent license (year)	

35. REFERENCES: List five persons, who are not related to you by blood or marriage, who live in the United States, and who are or have been mainly responsible for close direction of your work, or who are in a position to judge your work critically in those occupations in which you regard yourself as best qualified.

Full name	Address (Give complete address including street and number)	Business or occupation
Dr. Conyers Read	OSS, 25th & E, Washington, D.C.	Historian
Archibald MacLeish	Library of Congress, Washington	Librarian of Congress
Lawrence Winship	BOSTON GLOBE, Boston, Mass.	Newspaper Editor
Dr. E. A. Hooton	Peabody Museum, Harvard Univ.	Professor
Dr. Donald Scott	" " " "	Museum Director

36. May inquiry be made of your present employer regarding your character, qualifications, etc.?

Yes No

37. EXPERIENCE: In the space furnished below give a record of every employment, both public and private, which you have had since you first began to work. Start with your present position and work back to the first position you held, accounting for all periods of unemployment. Describe your field of work and position and, except for employments held less than three months, give your duties and responsibilities in such detail as to make your qualifications clear. Give name you used on pay roll if different from that given on this application.

PRESENT POSITION	Place	Washington and overseas	Exact title of your position	Major, AUS	Salary: Starting, \$	418*
	From	July 16, 1943			Per mo	Final, \$ 418
	Name of employer:	United States Army,	Duties and responsibilities	Those of an Army Major	plus overseas pay per diem, etc.	
	Address	for OSS				
	Kind of business or organization:	Military				
	Number and class of employees you supervised	various, depending on circumstances				
	Name and title of your immediate supervisor	Col. O. G. Pitts	Machines and equipment you used	weapons, vehicles		
		Hq. & Hq. Det., OSS				



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Place <u>Washington and overseas</u> From <u>March</u> (City) <u>42</u> To <u>July</u> (State) <u>43</u> (Month) (Year) (Month) (Year) Name of employer: <u>OSS</u> Address <u>25th &amp; E, Washington</u> Kind of business or organization: <u>governmental</u> Number and class of employees you supervised Name and title of your immediate supervisor: <u>Maj. Gen. W. J. Donovan</u> Reason for leaving: <u>Did not leave, became militarized.</u>	Exact title of your position: <u>None</u> Salary: Starting, \$ Per Final, \$ <u>6,000 plus all expenses overseas</u> Duties and responsibilities: <u>various</u> Machines and equipment you used: <u>various</u>
Place <u>Cambridge, Mass.</u> From (City) (State) To (Month) (Year) Name of employer: <u>Harvard University</u> Address <u>Cambridge, Mass.</u> Kind of business or organization: <u>educational</u> Number and class of employees you supervised: <u>various</u> Name and title of your immediate supervisor: <u>Prof. E. A. Hooton</u> Reason for leaving: <u>To serve my country</u>	Exact title of your position: <u>from assistant to Associate Professor</u> Salary: Starting, \$ <u>very little</u> Per Final, \$ <u>6100</u> Duties and responsibilities: <u>teaching, lecturing, tutorial work, laboratory work, scientific expeditions, research, editorial work, museum work.</u> Machines and equipment you used: <u>technical equipment in physical anthropology, Hollerith Machines, typewriter, photographic, equipment, motion picture equipment, calculating machines</u>
Place From (City) (State) To (Month) (Year) Name of employer: <u>NO OTHER EMPLOYMENT</u> Address <u>WILL RETURN TO HARVARD UPON EXPIRATION OF GOVERNMENT WORK</u> Kind of business or organization: Number and class of employees you supervised Name and title of your immediate supervisor Reason for leaving	Exact title of your position Salary: Starting, \$ Per Final, \$ Duties and responsibilities Machines and equipment you used
Place From (City) (State) To (Month) (Year) Name of employer: Address Kind of business or organization: Number and class of employees you supervised Name and title of your immediate supervisor Reason for leaving	Exact title of your position Salary: Starting, \$ Per Final, \$ Duties and responsibilities Machines and equipment you used

If more space is required, use a Continuation Sheet (Standard Form No. 58) or a sheet of paper, size 8 x 10 1/4 inches. Write on each sheet your name, full address, date of birth, and examination title (if any). Enclose, unattached, with application.



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see page 45											
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Arabic			X		X	X	X	X	X		
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	(City)	(Month)	(Year)	(City)	(State)	(Month)	(Year)	(Month)	(Year)	(Month)	(Year)	(Month)	(Year)
	Washington and overseas	July 16	1943	United States Army		Military	various, depending on circumstances	Col. O. G. Pitz	Major, AUS	Those of an Army Major	weapons, vehicles	418*	418
				for OSS				Hq. & Hq. Det., OSS		plus overseas pay per diem, etc.			



No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not to be filled in by traveler)

38. Do you hold any position or office under any State, Territory, county, or municipality? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
If so, give details under Item 45

39. Do you receive any pension or other benefit (exclusive of Adjusted Service Certificate) for military or naval service, or an annuity from the U. S. Government under any Retirement Act? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
If so, give details under Item 45

40. Show name and address of wife's (or husband's) employer (if none, write "None").  
NONE

41. (a) Were any of the following members of your family born outside Continental U. S. A? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Wife \_\_\_\_\_ Husband \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, indicate which by marking the appropriate space, and show under Item 45 for each, (1) full name, including maiden name of wife or mother; (2) birthplace; (3) native citizenship; and (4) if U. S. naturalized, date of naturalization.

(b) Have you any relatives, by blood or by marriage (excluding persons in the U. S. armed forces), now living in a foreign country? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
If so, for each relative show under Item 45 the (1) name, (2) relationship (3) place of residence, (4) birthplace, (5) present citizenship, and (6) whether transient or resident.

42. List any special skills not shown in Question 37, such as operation of short-wave radio, multilith, key-punch, turret lathe, or scientific or professional devices.

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Words per minute in typing \_\_\_\_\_ stenography \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a license to operate an automobile? ☐ Yes ☐ No

43. State what kind of work you prefer historical research and writing

44. Give any special qualifications not covered elsewhere in your application, such as (a) your more important publications (do NOT submit copies unless requested); (b) your patents or inventions; (c) hobbies, construction of instruments, etc.

(a) TRIERS OF THE RIF, Cambridge, 1930  
FLESH OF THE WILD OX, NY, 1931  
THE RIFFIAN, Boston, 1933  
MEASURING ETHIOPIA, Boston, 1935  
THE RACES OF EUROPE, NY, 1939  
PRINCIPLES OF ANTHROPOLOGY, (with Dr. E. D. Chapple), N.Y., 1942

45. Space for detailed answers to other questions:

Item No.	Write in left column numbers of items to which detailed answers apply
20	brother, Maurice Putnam Coon, employed by OSRD.
22	Am expecting discharge from Army shortly; the employment sought in this application to commence after discharge comes into effect.
33	Can read all Romance languages, and Greek, with practice can speak Berber and Albanian. Have had professional training in linguistics and semantics.
37	My pay varied from year to year, depending on what I was doing. Some years I was on expeditions and received expenses only; others I was teaching at both Harvard and Radcliffe, and my total pay depended on how many courses and tutees I was dealing with at Radcliffe, and whether I was teaching Summer School. In recent years it averaged ca. \$7500. In addition I received book royalties, public lecture fees, etc.

If more space is required, use a sheet of THIN paper, size 8 x 10 1/4 inches. Write on each sheet your name, full address, date of birth, and examination title (if any). Use one side only. Enclose, unattached, with application.

If you claim preference for the Indian Service as an Indian, you must file with this application a certificate from the superintendent of the Indian agency where you are registered, or from the Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, showing that you have at least one-fourth Indian blood.

**JURAT (OR OATH).—**This jurat (or oath) must be executed.

The following oath must be taken before a notary public, the secretary of a United States civil service board of examiners, or other officer authorized to administer oaths, before whom the applicant must appear in person. The following are among those not authorized to administer this oath: Postmasters (except in Alaska), Army officers, post-office inspectors, and chief clerks and assistant chief clerks in the Railway Mail Service.

The composition and work in connection with any material required to be submitted for this examination are entirely my own, except where I have given full credit for quoted matter or the collaboration of others by quotation marks and references, and in the composition of the same I have received no assistance except as indicated fully in my explanatory statement.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in answer to the foregoing questions are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, SO HELP ME GOD.

If female, prefix "Miss" or "Mrs." and if married use your own given name, as "Mrs. Mary L. Doe."

(Signature of applicant)

(Sign WITH PEN AND INK your name—one given name, initial or initials, and surname)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at city [or town] of \_\_\_\_\_, and State [or Territory or District] of \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of officer)

(Official title)

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Authority: 48 CFR 1.101-2.1

COOT, Carleton S.  
Major (Army)



No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Not to be filled in by traveler)

STRATEGIC SERVICES

June 1945

Carleton S. Coon

WDC Consultant

(Grade and Title)

History Office

Washington, D. C.

(Office or Branch)

(Station or Office)

1. Itinerary and justification of proposed travel (all stop dates, destinations, and the need for the travel fully explained) 7 June 1945

Cambridge, Mass., to Washington, D. C., and return, on

in connection with the History Office.

Dr. Carleton S. Coon  
Harvard University  
Peabody Museum  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Coon:

18 June 1945

21 June 1945

I am enclosing herewith the necessary transportation requests for your travel to Washington. The orders will cover you from 18 June through 21 June, inclusive, though the impression I get from Geoffrey Hellman and Georgiana Stevens is that it will not take over two days work to cover everything they have lined up for you. Comdr. Potter will also be on hand, and is looking forward to your visit.

Peter Dewey checked this morning with Frank Ball, regarding your citation, and was advised that it is "in the mill" and probably will be for at least another month.

We are now occupying the south side of the stage in the Washington Auditorium, in what probably once was a couple of dressing rooms. The space isn't too bad, though we still object to our exile.

It will be good to see you again.

Regards from all,

Helen T. Linde

430 - 19th St. N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

(Office or branch Chief)  
Conyers Road

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COOL Carleton



No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Date: 7 June 1945REQUEST FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL ORDER

Carleton S. Coon

WOC Consultant

(Serial No.)

(Name)

(Grade and Title)

History Office

Washington, D. C.

(Office or Branch)

(Official Station)

1. Itinerary and justification of proposed travel (all stop overs must be specifically indicated and the need for the travel fully explained).

Cambridge, Mass., to Washington, D. C., and return, on temporary duty in connection with OSS History Office.

"The Travel hereby requested is in the interest of the war and is not to a meeting which is under the ban of the Office of Mobilization and Reconversion."

2. Duration of travel or authority requested: From 18 June 1945 To 21 June 1945
3. Mode of travel (Check "X"):

\* ☐ Personally owned automobile. ☒ Common Carrier. ☐ Government vehicle.  
(Commercial) (Commercial)

\* ☐ Extra fare train ☐ Airplane (Military) ☐ Vessel (Military)

- \*4. Allowance for personally owned automobile recommended on following basis (check):

☐ (a) \_\_\_\_\_ cents per mile, as being more economical and advantageous to the Government.  
Justify: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ cents per mile when not practicable to use common carrier.

☐ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Actual expense.

- \*5. Per diem allowance recommended:

6. Number of transportation requests required: 3 Tax exemption certificates required
7. Estimated cost: \$ 60.00
8. Allotment Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Special provisions:

Approved:

(Office or Branch Chief)  
Conyers Read

OSS Historian  
(Title)

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COON, Carleton S.



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

OSS Form 1035a

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 2361-45

## TRAVEL ORDER

Date June 7, 1945

Name Carleton S. Coon

Title WOC Consultant

Official station Washington, D. C.

Office or branch History Office

You are hereby authorized to travel in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations and \_\_\_\_\_  
during the period and for the purpose indicated below:

From Cambridge, Mass. to Washington, D. C. and return.

Date effective On or about June 18, 1945 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Terminating approximately June 21, 1945

Purpose Official business for the Office of Strategic Services.

Mode of travel authorized as indicated below:

☒ Common carrier.

☐ Government vehicle.

☐ Airplane { ☐ Commercial.  
                  ☐ Military.

☐ Vessel { ☐ Commercial.  
                  ☐ Military.

Per diem allowance: \$10.00

Special authority:

The number and date of this order must be referred to on your voucher claiming reimbursement for the expenses incurred.

Appropriation limitation .001

Allotment Account No. 1007-45-02

B. deHosson  
Bernard U. deHosson (Name)  
Acting Chief, Fiscal Division (Title)

Authority WNO 41589



HARVARD UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

*Peabody Museum  
Cambridge, Massachusetts*

April 27, 1945.

Dear Helen:

Here is what happened on the weekend of April 13-15 as far as the RR is concerned. My Boston agent got me a round trip ticket with a single bedroom each way. Owing to the way the form was filled out ( and I hope they will keep on being filled out that way) the ticket agent gave the above accommodations on the voucher (green). So I paid nothing, except personal gratuities for the service. So I owe the govt. the difference between a lower berth and a single bedroom, each way. The drawing room enters the picture in that, when my wife and dog decided to come up to Boston too, I turned in the ticket for the single bedroom going North ( or Northeast) and received in exchange a ticket for a drawing room. I paid cash for the difference. And the dog crawled under the lower berth.

I just talked to Frank Ball, who called me Colonel, and said that if I would certify that the copy was a true copy all is jake. So I don't need to pull everything apart for that letter.

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No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Not to be filled in by traveler)

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Date: 2 April 1945

It looks, sez he, as if the thing would succeed anyway.

I am sorry there have been so many trials and tribulations in the path of the project. You need a few more 200 lb members down there to do a little schnozzle-punching.

Am inthe midst of moving and trying to juggle tables  
without banging my haid.

best regards to all

Paul Boon

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PERSONNEL FOLDER COPY

No  
EDM:afc

COOL, Carleton S.  
Major (Army)



No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not to be filled in by traveler)

Form OSS 63A

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name: **Coon, Carleton S. Dr.**

Date: **April 19, 1945**

This is to notify you that the Office of Strategic Services has taken the following action concerning your employment.

Nature of action; **Administrative Action**

Effective date: **May 1, 1945**

	FROM--	TO--
Position.....	<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Consultant</b>
Grade and salary..	<b>Without Compensation*</b>	<b>Without Compensation*</b>
Branch.....	<b>Director's Office</b>	<b>History Office</b>
Division.....	<b>History Project</b>	
Section.....		
Headquarters.....	<b>Washington, D. C.</b>	<b>Washington, D. C.</b>
Departmental or field.....	<b>Departmental</b>	<b>Departmental</b>

Remarks:

This action is subject to the provisions of paragraphs checked below:

*6370 PP  
4-25-45*

- ☐ Under this appointment you are subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act as amended, and accordingly 5% will be deducted from your basic salary for deposit to your credit in the Retirement Fund.
- ☒ This appointment is for such time as your services may be required and funds are available for the work of the Office of Strategic Services.

*William B. McIntosh*  
Director of Personnel

PERSONNEL FOLDER COPY

C. S. C. Report No.	
<b>Departmental (a)</b>	
Civil Service or other legal authority	
Appropriation <b>1151300.002 1007-45</b>	
Date of birth <b>6/23/1904</b>	
Legal residence <b>Massachusetts</b>	
Sex <b>Male Divorced</b>	
NATURE OF POSITION	
New	Additional identical
Vice	Vice vacancy
Reference (Name, number, and date, etc.)	
Subject to Retirement Act? <b>No</b>	

EDM:afc

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority *UND 41589*

COON, Carleton S.  
Major (Army)



No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not to be filled in by traveler)

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Date: 2 April 1945

REQUEST FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL ORDER

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**  
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Peabody Museum  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

April 2, 1945

Mrs. Helen T. Linde,  
112 North Bldg,  
OSS, 25th & E,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Helen:

Here are my stubs for last weekend. The double on the way down was shared with a friend, and I am willing to split on that; it cost the \$7.85 listed on the flap + 98 cents; i.e. \$4.42 each.

Best regards,

*Cal Con*

☐ (c) Actual expense.

\*5. Per diem allowance recommended:

6. Number of transportation requests required: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax exemption certificates required

7. Estimated cost: \$ 20.00

8. Allotment Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Special provisions:

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Office or Branch Chief)  
**Conyers Read**

**OSS Historian**  
(Title)

\* Not to be filled in by military or naval travelers.  
(37189)

\* Not to be filled in by military or naval travelers.

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority WMD 47589

EDM, Carlisle S.  
(NY)



No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Not to be filled in by traveler)

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Date: 2 April 1945

REQUEST FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL ORDER

Carleton S. Coon

WOC Consultant

(Name)

(Grade and Title)

(Serial No.)

History Project

Washington, D. C.

(Office or Branch)

(Official Station)

1. Itinerary and justification of proposed travel (all stop overs must be specifically indicated and the need for the travel fully explained).

Cambridge, Mass., to Washington, D. C., and return, on temporary duty in connection with OSS History Project.

2. Duration of travel or authority requested: From 13 April 1945 To 16 April 1945
3. Mode of travel (Check "X"):

\* ☐ Personally owned automobile. ☒ Common Carrier. ☐ Government vehicle.  
(Commercial) (Commercial)

\* ☐ Extra fare train ☐ Airplane (Military) ☐ Vessel (Military)

- \*4. Allowance for personally owned automobile recommended on following basis (check):

☐ (a) \_\_\_\_\_ cents per mile, as being more economical and advantageous to the Government.  
Justify: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ cents per mile when not practicable to use common carrier.

☐ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Actual expense.

- \*5. Per diem allowance recommended:

6. Number of transportation requests required: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax exemption certificates required

7. Estimated cost: \$ 70.00

8. Allotment Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Special provisions:

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Office or Branch Chief)  
Conyers Read

OSS Historian  
(Title)

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DECLASSIFIED  
Authority UNO 47589

COON, Carleton S.  
Major (Army)



No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Not to be filled in by traveler)

Date: 17 March 1945

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

DOMESTIC TRAVEL ORDER

STANDARD FORM NO. 14  
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT  
MARCH 10, 1926

# TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM History Project

BUREAU \_\_\_\_\_

CHG. APPROPRIATION 1001

30 March 1945

Carleton S. Coon  
6 Whittmore Terrace  
Wakefield, Massachusetts

I SUGGEST THAT YOU POSTPONE YOUR TRIP TO WASHINGTON  
UNTIL 14 APRIL, UNLESS IT IS NOW TOO LATE FOR YOU TO CHANGE  
YOUR PLANS CONVENIENTLY.

CONYERS READ

- ☐ (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Justify: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ cents per mile when not practicable to use common carrier
- ☐ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Actual expense.

- \*5. Per diem allowance recommended: \$10.00 per diem.
6. Number of transportation requests required: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax exemption certificates required
7. Estimated cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
8. Allotment Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Special provisions: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Conyers Read  
(Office or Branch Chief)

Director, OSS History Proj.  
(Title)

\* Not to be filled in by military or naval travelers.

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Authority AND 41589

COPIES, Carleton S.  
Major (Army)



No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Not to be filled in by traveler)

Date: 17 March 1945 ✓ **HA-50**

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

REQUEST FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL ORDER

Carleton S. Coon  
(Name)

WOC Consultant  
(Grade and Title)

(Serial No.)

OSS History Project  
(Office or Branch)

Washington, D. C.  
(Official Station)

1. Itinerary and justification of proposed travel (all stop overs must be specifically indicated and the need for the travel fully explained).

From Cambridge, Mass., to Washington, D. C., and return to Cambridge, Mass. Temporary duty in Washington, D. C., in connection with OSS History Project.

2. Duration of travel or authority requested: From 30 March 1945 To 2 April 1945

3. Mode of travel (Check "X"):

\* ☐ Personally owned automobile. ☒ Common Carrier. ☐ Government vehicle.  
(Commercial) (Commercial)  
\* ☐ Extra fare train ☐ Airplane (Military) ☐ Vessel (Military)

- \*4. Allowance for personally owned automobile recommended on following basis (check):

☐ (a) \_\_\_\_\_ cents per mile, as being more economical and advantageous to the Government.  
Justify: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ cents per mile when not practicable to use common carrier.  
☐ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Actual expense.

- \*5. Per diem allowance recommended: \$10.00 per diem.

6. Number of transportation requests required: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax exemption certificates required  
7. Estimated cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
8. Allotment Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Special provisions:

Approved:

Conyers Read  
(Office or Branch Chief)

Conyers Read

Director, OSS History Proj.  
(Title)

\* Not to be filled in by military or naval travelers.

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority 6889



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 1968-45

# TRAVEL ORDER

Name Carlton S. Coon Title WOC Consultant  
 Official station Washington, D. C. Office or branch Director's Office

Date March 17, 1945

You are hereby authorized to travel in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations and \_\_\_\_\_  
 during the period and for the purpose indicated below:

From Cambridge, Mass. to Washington, D. C. and return.

Date effective March 30, 1945 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Terminating approximately April 2, 1945

Purpose Official business for the Office of Strategic Services.

Mode of travel authorized as indicated below:

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|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common carrier.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Government vehicle.                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial. | <input type="checkbox"/> Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military.                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Military.                                   |

Per diem allowance: \$10.00

Special authority:

The number and date of this order must be referred to on your voucher claiming reimbursement for the expenses incurred.

Appropriation limitation .001

Allotment Account No. 1001-45-02

H. E. Woodring  
 (Name)  
 Chief, Finance Branch  
 (Title)



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 1923-45

## TRAVEL ORDER

Date March 10, 1945

Name Carleton S. Coon Title WOC Consultant  
Official station Washington, D. C. Office or branch Director's Office

You are hereby authorized to travel in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations and \_\_\_\_\_  
during the period and for the purpose indicated below:

From Cambridge, Mass. to Washington, D. C. and return.

Date effective March 16, 1945 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Terminating approximately March 19, 1945

Purpose Official business for the Office of Strategic Services.

Mode of travel authorized as indicated below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common carrier.	<input type="checkbox"/> Government vehicle.
<input type="checkbox"/> Airplane { <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial. <input type="checkbox"/> Military.	<input type="checkbox"/> Vessel { <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial. <input type="checkbox"/> Military.

Per diem allowance: \$10.00

Special authority:

The number and date of this order must be referred to on your voucher claiming reimbursement for the expenses incurred.

Appropriation limitation .001

Allotment Account No. 1001-45-02

*K. E. Woodring*  
K. E. Woodring (Name)  
Chief, Finance Branch (Title)

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Authority 4884 42589



OSS Form 1035

(Rev. 3/31/44)

No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Not to be filled in by traveler)

OF,  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICESDate: 10 March 1945 *HA-44*REQUEST FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL ORDERCarleton S. Coon

(Name)

WOC Employee (Consultant)

(Grade and Title)

(Serial No.)

History Project

(Office or Branch)

Washington, D. C.

(Official Station)

1. Itinerary and justification of proposed travel (all stop overs must be specifically indicated and the need for the travel fully explained).

From Cambridge, Mass., to Washington, D. C., for temporary  
duty for History Project, and return to Cambridge, Mass.

2. Duration of travel or authority requested: From 3/16/45 To 3/19/45

3. Mode of travel (Check "X"):

\* ☐ Personally owned automobile. ☒ Common Carrier. ☐ Government vehicle.  
(Commercial) (Commercial)  
\* ☐ Extra fare train ☐ Airplane (Military) ☐ Vessel (Military)

- \*4. Allowance for personally owned automobile recommended on following basis (check):

☐ (a) \_\_\_ cents per mile, as being more economical and advantageous to the Government.  
Justify: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ (b) \_\_\_ cents per mile when not practicable to use common carrier.  
☐ (c) \_\_\_ Actual expense.

- \*5. Per diem allowance recommended: \$10.00 per diem.

6. Number of transportation requests required: 3 Tax exemption certificates required

7. Estimated cost: \$ 60.00

8. Allotment Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Special provisions:

Approved:

Conyers Read  
(Office or Branch Chief)  
Conyers Read

Director, OSS History Project  
(Title)



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 1922-45

## TRAVEL ORDER

Date March 9, 1945

Name Carleton S. Coen Title WOC Consultant  
Official station Washington, D. C. Office or branch Director's Office

You are hereby authorized to travel in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations and \_\_\_\_\_  
during the period and for the purpose indicated below:

From Cambridge, Mass. to Washington, D. C. and return.

Date effective March 9, 1945 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Terminating approximately March 12, 1945

Purpose Official business for the Office of Strategic Services.

Mode of travel authorized as indicated below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common carrier.	<input type="checkbox"/> Government vehicle.
<input type="checkbox"/> Airplane { <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial. <input type="checkbox"/> Military.	<input type="checkbox"/> Vessel { <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial. <input type="checkbox"/> Military.

Per diem allowance: \$10.00

Special authority:

The number and date of this order must be referred to on your voucher claiming reimbursement for the expenses incurred.

Appropriation limitation .001

Allotment Account No. 1001-45-02

*K. E. Woodring*  
K. E. Woodring (Name)  
Chief, Finance Branch  
(Title)



OSS Form 1035  
(Rev. 3/31/44)

No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Not to be filled in by traveler)

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Date: 9 March 1945 *✓ HD-43*

REQUEST FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL ORDER

Carleton S. Coon  
(Name)

WOC Consultant  
(Grade and Title)

(Serial No.)

OSS History Project  
(Office or Branch)

Washington, D. C.  
(Official Station)

1. Itinerary and justification of proposed travel (all stop overs must be specifically indicated and the need for the travel fully explained).

From Cambridge, Mass., to Washington, D. C., and return to  
Cambridge, Mass. Temporary duty in Washington, D. C. in  
connection with OSS History Project.

2. Duration of travel or authority requested: From 3/9/45 To 3/12/45

3. Mode of travel (Check "X"):

\* ☐ Personally owned automobile. ☒ Common Carrier. ☐ Government vehicle.  
(Commercial) (Commercial)  
\* ☐ Extra fare train ☐ Airplane (Military) ☐ Vessel (Military)

- \*4. Allowance for personally owned automobile recommended on following basis (check):

☐ (a) \_\_\_\_\_ cents per mile, as being more economical and advantageous to the Government.  
Justify: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ cents per mile when not practicable to use common carrier.  
☐ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Actual expense.

- \*5. Per diem allowance recommended: \$10.00 per diem.

6. Number of transportation requests required none ~~non~~ exemption certificates required  
7. Estimated cost: \$ 60.00  
8. Allotment Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Special provisions:

Approved:

Conyers Read  
(Office or Branch Chief)  
Conyers Read

Director, OSS History Proj.  
(Title)

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11 January 1945

Critique of Training Film on Japanese Geography  
11 January 1945

On January 11th I attended a showing of the new training film concerned with the geography of Japan. I took with me Sgt. Warren Delano, an advanced student of geography with training at Harvard and in Europe, and former head of RMA in Honolulu. My own uncritical estimate of the picture was based on two things--general impressions were very favorable, and a realization that both Delano and I would like to see it. I will presumably be covered in the whole the presentation was artistic. I like it very much as a picture.

Professor V. C. Finch  
Department of Geography  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Professor Finch:

I would be greatly obliged if you will send me a copy of The Nature of Geography by Richard Hartshorne which was published in Volume 29, Numbers 3 and 4 of the Annals of the Association of American Geographers. Dr. Hartshorne informed me that you have some copies of this at hand and that you are the person from whom they should be obtained. If this is the case I would like to have it sent to me at the following address:

Apartment 536, Dorchester House  
16th & Euclid Sts.  
Washington, D. C.

Please bill me for this including postage.

With best regards,  
file, which was turned over to the Signal Corps. They edited much of this for their own purposes. Have you tried to tap this source?

I hesitate to offer any other view of the immense amount of work making this most agreeable reel; of Anthropology, have you examined the Signal Corp. Harvard University refused you?

Thank you very much for asking me to see it.

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Authority: 1400 10000



Per (COON)

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NAME	Carleton S. Coon	CLASSIFICATION		DATE	11 January 1945
NATURE OF ACTION	Administrative Action	VICE			
	Carleton S. Coon	IF			
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		NEW			
EFFECTIVE DATE	Critique of Training Film on Japanese Geography	BUDGET			

On January 11th I attended a showing of the new training film concerned with the geography of Japan. I took with me Sgt. Warren Delano, an advanced student of geography with training at Harvard and in Europe, and former head of R&A in Honolulu. My own uncritical estimate of the picture was based on two things--general impression, which was very favorable, and a realization that material which both Delano and I would like to see that was not included will presumably be covered in other reels. On the whole the presentation was artistic and dynamic. I like it very much as a picture. Sgt. Delano has a few technical suggestions to offer:

In the animated maps, only the four main islands were shown. The Riu Kiu Islands, Karafuto (Southern Sakhalin) and the Kuriles, were omitted. All of these are important from a strategic standpoint.

The four main islands are shown in most of the map shots in vacuo, which may be fine for purposes of concentrating attention, but more emphasis might be also laid on the relationship of the Japanese archipelago to continental Asiatic areas.

The films are mainly from Honshu. Strategically the Kuriles, Hokkaido, Riu-Kiu, etc, may also be important. If you have no film on these areas, Sgt. Delano suggests the following: While he was in Honolulu the army seized a vast amount of Japanese film, which was turned over to the Signal Corps. They edited much of this for their own purposes. Have you tried to tap this source?

I hesitate to offer any criticisms whatever, in view of the immense amount of work you have gone to in making this most agreeable reel; my main comment is, have you exhausted the Signal Corps source, or have they refused you?

Thank you very much for asking me to see it.

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Authority: 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M, 14N, 14O, 14P, 14Q, 14R, 14S, 14T, 14U, 14V, 14W, 14X, 14Y, 14Z

DATE:



# OSS PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST

(TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED IN TRIPLICATE)

NAME: **Carleton S. Coon**

NATURE OF ACTION: **Administrative Action**

EFFECTIVE DATE: **Immediately 5/1/45**

FOR SEPARATIONS, TRANSFERS OUT, AND RESIGNATIONS  
LAST WORKING DAY:

FOR RESIGNATIONS FROM FEDERAL SERVICE ONLY  
SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. FOR MILITARY LEAVE WITHOUT PAY—ATTACH 3 COPIES OF MILITARY ORDERS AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A PHOTO-STAT OR CERTIFIED COPY.
2. EFFECTIVE DATE SHALL BE FILLED IN BY THE LEAVE UNIT, FINANCE BRANCH, FOR SEPARATIONS OR RESIGNATIONS.

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EMPLOYMENT		
CHIEF, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL BRANCH		

FROM

TO

TITLE	Consultant	Consultant
GRADE AND SALARY	Without Compensation	Without Compensation
BRANCH	Director's Office	History Office
DIVISION	History Project	
SECTION		
OFFICIAL STATION	Washington, D. C.	Washington, D. C.
DEPT. OR FIELD	Dept.	Dept.

REMARKS OR PROPOSED DUTIES:

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CIVILIAN PERSONNEL  
OFFICE OF  
PERSONNEL SERVICES

RECOMMENDED:

DATE:

OFFICE CHIEF, BRANCH CHIEF, OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



OSS PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST  
(DO NOT DUPLICATE)

Form OSS 63A

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Name: **Coon, Carleton S. Dr.** Date: **March 6, 1945**

This is to notify you that the Office of Strategic Services has taken the following action concerning your employment.

Nature of action: **Pay Adjustment and Transfer**

Effective date: **March 1, 1945**

	FROM—	TO—
Position.....	Special Assistant to Deputy Director	Consultant
Grade and salary..	\$7000 per annum Uncl.	Without Compensation*
Branch.....	SSO	Director's Office
Division.....		History Project
Section.....		
Headquarters.....	Washington, D. C.	Washington, D. C.
Departmental or field.....	Departmental	Departmental

Remarks: \* To be allowed actual transportation expenses and not to exceed \$10.00 per diem while serving away from home.

3/6/45

This action is subject to the provisions of paragraphs checked below:

- ☐ Under this appointment you are subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act as amended, and accordingly 5% will be deducted from your basic salary for deposit to your credit in the Retirement Fund.
- ☒ This appointment is for such time as your services may be required and funds are available for the work of the Office of Strategic Services.

*William B. McWhorter, Jr.*  
Director of Personnel.

C. S. C. Report No.	
Dept. (a)	
Civil Service or other legal authority	
Appropriation 1151300.002 1001-45	
Date of birth 6/23/1904	
Legal residence Massachusetts	
Sex Male Divorced	
NATURE OF POSITION	
New	Additional identical
Vice	Vice vacancy
Reference (Name, number, and date, etc.)  Unclassified	
Subject to Retirement Act?  NO	



NAME: <u>Dr. Carleton S. Coon</u> NATURE OF ACTION: <u>Pay Adjustment.</u> EFFECTIVE DATE: <u>1 March 1945</u> FOR SEPARATIONS, TRANSFERS OUT, AND RESIGNATIONS LAST WORKING DAY: FOR RESIGNATIONS FROM FEDERAL SERVICE ONLY SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE: SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: 1. FOR MILITARY LEAVE WITHOUT PAY—ATTACH 3 COPIES OF MILITARY ORDERS AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A PHOTO- STAT OR CERTIFIED COPY. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE SHALL BE FILLED IN BY THE LEAVE UNIT, FINANCE BRANCH, FOR SEPARATIONS OR RESIGNATIONS.	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">INITIAL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">DATE</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">CLASSIFICATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VICE</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1A</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>VV</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>NEW</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">BUDGET</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">EMPLOYMENT</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">CHIEF, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL BRANCH</td> </tr> </table>	INITIAL	DATE	CLASSIFICATION		VICE		1A		VV		NEW		BUDGET		EMPLOYMENT		CHIEF, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL BRANCH	
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	FROM	TO
TITLE	<u>Special Asst. to Deputy Dir., SSO</u>	<u>Intermittant Consultant</u>
GRADE AND SALARY	<u>\$7,000 per annum, unclassified</u>	<u>Same rate of pay WAE</u>
BRANCH	<u>SSO</u>	<u>History Project</u>
DIVISION		
SECTION		
OFFICIAL STATION	<u>Washington, D. C.</u>	<u>Washington, D. C.</u>
DEPT. OR FIELD	<u>Departmental</u>	<u>Departmental</u>

REMARKS OR PROPOSED DUTIES:

See memo attached.

RECOMMENDED: <b>Conyers Read, Director, OSS History Project</b> OFFICE CHIEF, BRANCH CHIEF, OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	DATE: <b>20 February 1945</b>
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OSS PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST  
(TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED IN TRIPLICATE)

NAME: <b>Carleton S. Coon</b>		INITIAL	DATE
NATURE OF ACTION: <b>Transfer from Military to Civilian Temp Asst.</b>		<i>Not required</i> <b>1/12/45</b>	
EFFECTIVE DATE: <b>12 January 1945</b>		CLASSIFICATION	
FOR SEPARATIONS, TRANSFERS OUT, AND RESIGNATIONS LAST WORKING DAY:		VICE	
FOR RESIGNATIONS FROM FEDERAL SERVICE ONLY SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:		1A	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: 1. FOR MILITARY LEAVE WITHOUT PAY - ATTACH 3 COPIES OF MILITARY ORDERS AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A PHOTO-STAT OR CERTIFIED COPY. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE SHALL BE FILLED IN BY THE LEAVE UNIT, FINANCE BRANCH, FOR SEPARATIONS OR RESIGNATIONS.		VV	
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		BUDGET	
		EMPLOYMENT	<b>1/20/45</b>
		CHIEF, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL BRANCH	<b>1/18</b>

TITLE	FROM	TO
GRADE AND SALARY		<b>Spec. Asst. to Dep. Dir., 5-50.</b>
BRANCH		<b>Unclassified</b>
DIVISION		<b>\$7,000 per annum \$635.68 monthly</b>
SECTION		<b>SSO</b>
OFFICIAL STATION		<b>Washington, D. C.</b>
DEPT. OR FIELD		<b>Departmental</b>

REMARKS OR PROPOSED DUTIES:  
BPN 3084. As there are several projects not completed by Mr. Coon while with OSS as an officer, he is to be carried on the payroll as a civilian until March 1, 1945, in order to complete these assignments.

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**JAN 24 1945**

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CIVILIAN PERSONNEL  
OFFICE OF  
STRATEGIC SERVICES

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JAN 15 10 39 PM '45  
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STRATEGIC SERVICES

*W. Bennett* **11 Jan 45**  
DATE:

RECOMMENDED:  
CHIEF, OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.Name: **Coon, Carleton S. Dr.**Date: **7 September 1945**

This is to notify you that the Office of Strategic Services has taken the following action concerning your employment:

Nature of action: **Resignation**Effective date: **21 June 1945 cob**

	FROM--	TO--
Position.....	<b>Consultant</b>	
Grade and salary..	<b>Without Compensation</b>	
Branch.....	<b>History Office</b>	
Division.....		
Section.....		
Headquarters.....	<b>Washington, D. C.</b>	
Departmental or Field.....	<b>Departmental</b>	

REMARKS:

*63 to PR  
9-11-45*

- ☐ Subject to 5% deduction for the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.
- ☐ This appointment is for such time as your services may be required and funds are available for the work of OSS.
- ☐ This transfer is for the best interests of the Government. Reimbursement of your expenses and cost of transfer of your household effects is authorized in accordance with existing orders and regulations.

*E. J. Francis*

Chief, Civilian Personnel.

PERSONNEL FOLDER COPY

CSC Report No.

Dept/ (a)

Civil Service or Other  
Legal Authority

Appropriation

**1151300.002  
1007-45**

Date of birth

**6/23/1904**

Legal residence

**Massachusetts**

Sex

**Male - Divorced**

NATURE OF POSITION

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Annual Post Allowance

SUBJECT TO—

Investigation..... ☐1 year trial period..... ☐

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J. Ridge Hicks

20 February 1945

Conyers Read

Approval for Carleton S. Coon as Intermittent Consultant.

REQUEST FOR TRAVEL ORDER

Carleton S. Coon, in accordance with a long-standing arrangement, has to return to Harvard on 1 March. He has been extremely valuable to the History Project in writing and supervising two of our most difficult jobs -- the history of the OSS in the North African theater and the history of SO, and I shall continue to need his services as an intermittent consultant.

The strategy of the history project as a whole made it desirable some months ago to give priority to the history of the North African theater, and this has naturally slowed up the history of SO, since Coon was the key man in both. For some weeks we thought the problem of the SO historian would be solved by Sgt. Warren Delano's being assigned to it. He was here long enough to line up the documentation out of which the history can, under proper supervision, be written, but his reassignment to the West Coast has left us desperate, all the more because SO itself has admitted its inability to assign any suitable person for the job.

We have attempted to solve the problem by using Coon as a supervisor and turning over to Mrs. Stevens the documents assembled by Delano. This scheme is now in progress, but it won't be finished (or nearly so) by the time Coon has to leave. To prevent the SO history from getting bogged down, the History Project will need to have Coon come down here about six times in the period between 1 March and 1 June.

Coon's occasional presence here is, in short, indispensable. He is prepared to accept such an arrangement as a special favor to me. The expense involved would be relatively slight in proportion to the services rendered. Without him, Mrs. Stevens (CAF-5) would be quite unable to do the job. We would have to try to find someone else at a much higher echelon to undertake it. I doubt if we could find anyone so well equipped as Coon is at any price.

Like many other men of genius, he is temperamental, but he has had a brilliant record in action, is completely loyal, and I have no one on the History staff who has contributed so much to the writing of OSS history.

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Authority: 48 CFR 1.5584

COON, Carleton S.  
(Army)



OSS  
FORM 1035  
(Revised 23 Feb 44)

NO. 258

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

8 April, 1944

REQUEST FOR TRAVEL ORDER

(Military Personnel)

Name Carleton S. Coon Title Major, AUS

ASN 0-925129 Official Station Washington, D.C.

1. Itinerary and justification of proposed travel: From Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. to Los Angeles, Calif, San Francisco, Seattle, Wash., Portland, Oregon and such other points in the 9th Service Command as may be necessary in the performance of temporary duty in connection with OSS activities. Upon completion of this temporary duty he will return to his official Station.

2. Duration of travel or authority requested From 8 April, 1944 for approximately 35 days.

3. Mode of travel (check "X")

☒ Common Carrier

☐ Govt. Vehicle

☐ Aircraft (Commercial)

☐ Aircraft (Military)

4. Number of transportation request required \_\_\_\_\_. Tax exemption certificates required \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Estimated cost, \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Special provisions: Per diem allowance recommended \$7.00

APPROVED:

Edward L. Bigelow  
Lt. Col., AUS  
Executive Officer, SSO

Ed Coon  
Appropriation and project 1141389.001 Salaries and expenses, Office of Strategic Services, 1944

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Authority 440 42589

COON, Carleton S.  
(Army)



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23 February

Carlton S. Coon

Major, AUS

0-925129

23 February 1944.

From: Chief, MU, Washington, D. C.  
To: Mr. D. Dimond, Room 118 North Building  
Subject: Major Carlton S. Coon, advance of travel funds, request for.

1. It is requested that you advance to Major Carlton S. Coon \$250.00 to cover expenses of travel from Washington, D. C. to Los Angeles, California.

2. Major Coons is traveling on Official Business and will submit an expense account to cover this advance.

Dennis J. Roberts

APPROVED:

S. Hancock



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*Handwritten:* Carleton

OSS  
Form 21

No. \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

23 February, 1943

REQUEST FOR TRAVEL ORDER

Name Carleton S. Coon

Title Major, AUS

0-925129

Official Station Wash., D.C.

Leave Washington, D.C. on about 27 Feb 1944 and proceed to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. reporting to Com. General San Diego Area for temporary duty with M.U. Upon completion return to Wash., D.C. approximately 60 days

2. Duration of travel in connection with O.S.S. activities

3. Mode of travel (check "X")

☒ Common carrier.

☐ Gov. Vehicle.

☐ Aircraft (Commercial)

☐ Aircraft (Military)

\$7.00

4. Per diem allowance recommended:

5. Mileage basis ( 8¢ per mile )

6. Number of transportation requests required \_\_\_\_\_ Tax exemption certificates required \_\_\_\_\_

7. Estimated cost, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. Special provisions:

APPROVED:

Appropriation and project \_\_\_\_\_

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COON, Carleton S.



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HEADQUARTERS AND HEAD QUARTERS DETACHMENT  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
Room 209, North Building  
Washington, D. C.

201- Carleton S. Coon  
Major, Inf.

5 Feb 44  
Date

SUBJECT: Leave of Absence.

TO : Commanding Officer, Hq & Hq Det, OSS, Rm 209, North Bldg,  
Washington, D. C.

1. It is requested that I be granted three (3) days leave  
of absence, effective on or about February 7, 44.

a. Reason for leave: To attend to personal business.

b. Duty status, including information as to replacement: \_\_\_\_\_

No replacement necessary.

c. Amount of accrued leave: 30 : amount of leave used during  
the past twelve months: no regular leave.

d. I ~~am~~ (am Not) a member of a general or special court-  
martial or of any board.

e. Address while on leave will be: C/o Miss Goodale,

Central Hanover Trust Co., New York, N.Y.

Carleton S. Coon  
Name  
Major, Inf.

Rank Branch

0-925129

ASN

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

For signature  
Commanding

Commanding

This request to be made in one copy only.



5 August 1943

Lt. (jg) Smolianinoff:

Mr. Dimond asked me to have you sign the appended memo so that he can keep his accounts straight in advancing me this money which Commander Halliwell authorized orally yesterday.

C. S. Coon, Major

Lt. (jg) Andre V. Smilianinoff  
Area Operations Officer, SO  
Middle East

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5 August 1943

Washington, D. C.  
August 4, 1943

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Douglas Dimond  
FROM: Lieutenant (jg) Andre V. Smolianinoff  
SUBJECT: Funds for Major Coon

At the direction of Commander Halliwell, I request you to advance to Major Coon the sum of \$200 for which he will account to the Finance Officer at Cairo.

Water is to instruct you of the development here (surplus of which he is bringing to your Treasury) of a special material, characteristics of which you can only be advised of orally.

I am specifically instructing Major Coon not to discuss this matter with Major Hunt without your permission, although Major Hunt, we believe, has been made aware of this development during his trip to London.

Lt. (jg) Andre V. Smolianinoff  
Area Operations Officer, SO  
Middle East

Sincerely yours,

Attachments

R. Lewis Halliwell  
Lt. Commander, USN  
Chief, SO

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COON, Carleton S.  
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VIA AIR POUCH

Office of Strategic Services  
Washington, D. C.  
August 4, 1943

TO: Mr. J. E. Carleton  
Mr. Stoddard Hanson

FROM: J. Francis Lincoln

SUBJECT: Colonel Gustav B. Guenther  
Office of Strategic Services  
J I C A M E

Copy in Each  
American Legation  
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Colonel Guenther:

Major Coon is instructed to advise you of the development here (samples of which he is bringing to your Theater) of a special material, characteristics of which you can only be advised of orally.

I am specifically instructing Major Coon not to discuss this matter with Major Huot without your permission, although Major Huot, we believe, has been made aware of this development during his trip to London.

a) Henry Hosen - 2nd Lieutenant. Mr. Hosen's application was approved by the OSS Military Personnel Board on May 21st. The application has not yet been forwarded to the War Department.

c) George Sharp - Major. Mr. Sharp's application has requested that Mr. Sharp's application be forwarded to the War Department immediately for processing.

Sincerely yours, R. Davis Halliwell

2. SO has made certain partial commitments to other civilians in regard to commissions. The following:

R. Davis Halliwell  
Lt. Commander, USNR  
Chief, SO

a) Carleton S. Coon - Major. Commander Halliwell will almost certainly wish to use one of the vacancies in his Procurement Objective for this man.

b) Gerald Miller - Major. Mr. Miller's application was approved by the OSS Military Personnel Board on June 1st. Mr. Miller is serving in a dual capacity as assistant to Mr. George Sharp and as assistant to Lt. Thompson, European Theater Officer.

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(Army)



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July 1, 1943.

TO: Mr. J. M. Scribner  
Mr. Stoddard Hancock

FROM: J. Freeman Lincoln

SUBJECT: SO Procurement Objective. Major. M. Rives has not yet  
He is to be assistant to Mr.

Copy in Each File X

1. Commissions for certain civilians were approved prior to June 21st by the OSS Military Personnel Board. These commissions, therefore, if processed, will not be considered a part of the SO Procurement Objective of four places, which was allotted to us by General Donovan on June 26th. It is within Commander Halliwell's power to cancel any or all of these commissions - thus increasing SO's Procurement Objective from four to seven. Applications coming under this classification are as follows:

a) Francis Kalnay - Captain. Mr. Kalnay's application is now pending in the War Department and may be approved at any time.

b) Edley Nupen - 2nd Lieutenant. Mr. Nupen's application was approved by the OSS Military Personnel board on May 24th. The application has not yet been forwarded to the War Department.

c) George Sharp - Major. Commander Halliwell has requested that Mr. Sharp's application be forwarded to the War Department immediately for processing.

2. SO Has made certain partial commitments to other civilians in regard to commissions. In this classification are the following:

a) Carleton S. Coon - Major. Commander Halliwell will almost certainly wish to use one of the vacancies in his Procurement Objective for this man.

b) Gerald Miller - Major. Mr. Miller's application was approved by the OSS Military Personnel Board on June 21st. Mr. Miller is serving in a dual capacity as assistant to Mr. George Sharp and as assistant to Lt. Thompson, European Theater Officer.

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(Army)



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Mr. Scribner & Mr. Hancock

June 24, 1943  
July 1, 1943

From: c) F. Bayard Rives - Major. Mr. Rives has not yet appeared before the OSS Board. He is to be assistant to Mr. George Sharp. T: Carlton Coon and Stafford Reid

To: d) L. Grenville Holden - Captain. Mr. Holden has not yet appeared before the OSS Board. Mr. Holden is to be Assistant Area Operations Officer for the Near East. Mr. Holden tells me that he plans to go overseas in August or September. The writer does not know whether Commander Halliwell concurs in this plan.

Staffers tell us I have never had an opportunity to see e) Russell P. Place - Captain. Mr. Place is to serve as Security Officer. It is probable that he will also do some other staff work for SO. He is well considered by Colonel Eddy, but his interest is more on the intelligence

than on f) William M. Anderson - Captain. Mr. Anderson is under consideration as SO Planning Officer. According to Lt. Thompson, he has refused a Majority in another branch of the Services in order to join our staff. Is the place in which he could be most useful.

g) Basil Jordan - 1st Lieutenant. Mr. Jordan will be an assistant in the NE Operations Office. Mr. Jordan will send Carlton Coon to Cairo, and I am sure that he will be h) Gunnar Mykland - 1st Lieutenant. It is planned

to use Mr. Mykland as Operations Officer for Scandinavia under Mr. Sharp. It is the writer's impression that Mr. Mykland is so close to induction that it will be impossible to commission him.

i) Ivan Ivanovic - Captain. It is planned to use Mr. Ivanovic as Assistant Area Operations Officer, NE. Operations Deputy Director, NE. Operations

J. Freeman Lincoln,  
Captain, AUS.

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June 24, 1943

From: Ellery C. Huntington Jr.  
SUBJECT: Carlton Coon and Stafford Reid  
To: Lt. Commander R. Davis Halliwell

1. I do not know what to suggest about Stafford Reid as I have never had an opportunity to see the results of any of his work.

2. Mr. Reid is well considered by Colonel Eddy, but his experience is more on the intelligence than on the operations side.

3. It is my impression that SI would like to use Mr. Reid. Perhaps this is the place in which he could be most useful.

4. I am delighted that you are going to send Carlton Coon to Cairo, and I am sure that he will be very useful there.

Ellery C. Huntington Jr.  
Colonel, AUS  
Deputy Director, PW Operations

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(Name)

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May 18, 1943

TO: Security Office - Mr. Weston Howland  
FROM: John P. O'Keeffe of state,  
SUBJECT: Mr. C. S. Coon

Please provide subject with a temporary badge  
pending preparation of a permanent badge.

John P. O'Keeffe

JPO'K:tah

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COOM, Carleton S.  
(any)



May 22, 1942

May 24, 1942

Franklin Canfield

Lane Kahn

Dr. Carleton S. Coon

The Honorable Secretary of State,

Please State Department, through the State Department

\$2,000 to Mr. Washington, D. C., Tangier.

My dear Secretary:

I would appreciate it if you would deposit the attached check for \$2,000.00 to my account and make the like sum available to Dr. Carleton S. Coon through the American Legation in Tangier.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Rehm.

Attachment

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COON, Carleton S.  
(Army)

C. J. G.

Coon

LIAISON OFFICE

EXECUTIVE 5100

SOUTH BUILDING

Franklin Canfield

May 22, 1942

Room #113

Lane Rahn

Dr. Carleton S. Coon <sup>PASSAGE PRIORITY</sup>

DATE RECEIVED July 31, 1942

Please cable through the State Department

NUMBER OF PACKAGES Three

\$2,000 to Dr. Carleton S. Coon, Tangier.

WEIGHT 5 lbs. 10 oz. each

CONTENTS

METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

SENT TO Carleton S. Coon, Tangier, Spanish Morocco

ADDRESS

TO BE FORWARDED TO

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DISPOSITION MADE: Will be sent out

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COON, Carleton S.  
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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: Mr. Canfield

DATE April 14, 1942

TO: Mr. Rehm

SUBJECT: Dr. Carleton S. Coon - Salary

On April 13th, Mr. Rehm paid Dr. Coon \$82.00, representing \$6.00 per diem from April 1-15 less refund from Dr. Coon for difference between \$10.00 per diem paid Dr. Coon for April 1 and 2 and the \$6.00 per diem agreed upon as of April 1.

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COON, Carleton S.  
(Army)



Dear Carl:

1. In the event that I don't have the pleasure of seeing you -- I hope I do, but my fate is more than customarily uncertain -- I wonder if you would consider writing a citation for Staff Reid.

2. Your citation included:

A. Torch

B. Corsica

In the same vein, I believe Staff's should include:

A. Torch

B. Yugoslavia

3. King is up for DSM for Torch and I think that Staff should be recommended for the same decoration, don't you?

4. Staff's very interesting report on his participation in Torch which you will want to read anyway will provide ample material to refresh your knowledge of Staff's work for Torch.

5. Packy McFarland states that Staff's Yugoslav participation will be taken care of by Colonel Huntington and that you need not bother about it, however some reference might be made to it should you decide not to include it with the Torch participations in the same recommendation.

As ever,

*Peter*  
Peter

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Authority DND 47589

COPI, Carleton S.  
(Army)

VOUCHER FOR PER DIEM AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT  
OF EXPENSES INCIDENT TO OFFICIAL TRAVEL

D. O. Vou. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Bureau No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Statement of account must be completely filled in by payee prior to signature, and there must not be any erasure or alteration unless initialed or signed by him)

General Accounting Office

U. S. Office of Strategic Services

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MEMO:

Due to C. S. Coon

Per diem expenses,

Week of April 3-9th, 1942 \$70.00

1-2 840

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3-9 = 42

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\$34

Balboa Island

PAID BY

(For use of Paying Office)

REIMBURSEMENT

1945  
Feb.

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for \$

AMOUNT

DOLLARS CENTS

PROJECT

APPROPRIATION

AMOUNT

\$

on Treasurer of the United States

in favor of payee named above.

Paid by { Check No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, for \$\_\_\_\_\_  
Cash, \$\_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

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ORIGINAL  
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(Signature of payee)

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General Accounting Office  
**PREAUDIT**  
Certified for payment in the  
sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF  
THE UNITED STATES  
By \_\_\_\_\_

U. S. Office of Strategic Services  
(Department, bureau, or establishment)  
THE UNITED STATES, Dr., To Carlton S. Coon  
Room 112, North Bldg., 25th & E St., N.W.  
(Address)  
Washington, D. C.  
Official Headquarters  
Domicile \_\_\_\_\_ Residence 92 Wash. Ave.,  
(For use of Postal Service only) Cambridge, Mass.

PAID BY \_\_\_\_\_  
(For use of Paying Office)

FOR PER DIEM in lieu of subsistence, mileage for privately owned motor vehicle, and/or REIMBURSEMENT  
of 22 Feb. 45 other expenses paid by me in the discharge of official duty from 22 February 1945  
to 16 Feb. 45, 19\_\_\_\_, as per itemized statement within, under authority No. 1803-45, dated 16 Feb.  
19\_\_\_\_, copy of which is attached,\* or has been previously furnished with voucher No. \_\_\_\_\_, paid \_\_\_\_\_  
19\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of disbursing officer)

AMOUNT	
DOLLARS	CENTS

(Payee will NOT use this space)

Differences \_\_\_\_\_  
Account verified correct for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature or initials) \_\_\_\_\_

& that the penalties for presenting  
a false claim are known to me.

WOC Consultant

WOC Consultant

H. L. Robinson, Colonel, F.A.

MEMORANDUM

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (For completion by administrative office)

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (For compliance with 48 CFR 101-11.6)

APPROPRIATION, LIMITATION OR PROJECT SYMBOL	APPROPRIATION TITLE	LIMITATION OR PROJECT		APPROPRIATION		
		AMOUNT		AMOUNT		
		\$		\$		
ALLOTMENT SYMBOL	AMOUNT	ENCUMBRANCE LIQUIDATED	COST ACCOUNT		OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE	
			Symbol	Amount	Symbol	Amount
	\$			\$		\$

Paid by { Check No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ } on Treasurer of the United States  
{ Cash, \$ \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ } in favor of payee named above.  
SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY (Signature of payee)

\*If there was no prior authority state circumstances which rendered securing prior authority impracticable.

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Authority 480 97589

CCM, Carleton S.  
(Army)



# ITEMIZED SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES

11:00 a.m.

1. Date and hour of departure from official headquarters Philadelphia, Pa. 22 February 1945 45 (Hour)
2. Give duty status on first day of voucher period:  
 \*Arrived at \_\_\_\_\_ on one day, 19\_\_\_\_, 45  
 for temporary duty for approximate period 22 February, 19\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate date of return to official headquarters \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_
3. †State authorized per diem in lieu of subsistence, \$\_\_\_\_\_ per day.
4. †State authorized allowance for actual subsistence expenses: Not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ per day.
5. Where for traveler's personal convenience or through the taking of leave there is interruption of travel, deviation from the direct route, or where traveler delays at a place other than post of duty, a statement showing the facts should appear on the voucher.

\*If authority provides for travel to more than one point, time of arrival and departure from each should be stated in the body of the account in chronological order.  
 †If more than one rate of allowance is authorized, full statement of application of each rate must be given in some convenient place on this voucher.

DATE	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE (To be itemized by the day and fully explained)	SUB- VOU. NO.**	AMOUNT		NOTATIONS (Payee must not use this column)
			SUBSISTENCE	OTHER	
2/22	Left Washington, D. C. 11:00 a.m.				
2/22	Arrived Philadelphia, Pa. 1:15 p.m.				
2/22	Left Philadelphia, Pa. 8:00 p.m.				
2/22	Arrived Washington, D. C. 10:15 p.m.		4 50		
	Taxi fare from Station, Philadelphia to Univ. of Penn., and from Univ. of Penn. to station (\$.50 each trip)			1 00	

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STATEMENT OF TRAVEL PERFORMED FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT IS NOT CLAIMED  
BY TRAVELER

DATE OF TRAVEL	NO. OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST OR SPEEDOMETER READING	FROM—	TO—	VIA (Kind of carrier or vehicle)*	CLASS OR MILEAGE†	AMOUNT
2/22/45	OSS 9,568	Washington, D.C.	Philadelphia, Pa.	RR (PAR)	1st cl.	
2/22/45	OSS 9,569	Washington, D.C.	Philadelphia, Pa.	PRR	Pullman	
2/22/45	OSS 9,570	Philadelphia, Pa.	Washington, D.C.	PRR	Pullman	

\*Railroad, steamship, airplane, bus, etc.

†Abbreviate class of service or accommodations used. Railroad: F, first class; I, intermediate class; M, mixed class; C, coach; P, Pullman accommodations; DR, drawing room; CP, compartment; BR, bedroom; SOS, single occupancy section; SEC, section; LB, lower berth; UB, upper berth; S, seat. By other mode: Number of miles traveled.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The provisions of the travel regulations must be strictly observed in order to avoid suspensions and disallowances in the accounts.
2. When more space is required for itemization of the account, use continuation sheets (standard forms 1012b—Revised and 1012c—Revised) and fasten together in upper left-hand corner.
3. As required, a copy of the approved memorandum voucher may be made as required for administrative purposes.







# ITEMIZED SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES

1. Date and hour of departure from official headquarters \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Hour)
2. Give duty status on first day of voucher period: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Hour)  
 \*Arrived at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_,  
 for temporary duty for approximate period \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate date of return to official headquarters \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_
3. †State authorized per diem in lieu of subsistence, \$\_\_\_\_\_
4. †State authorized allowance for actual subsistence expenses: Not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ per day.
5. Where for traveler's personal convenience or through the taking of leave there is interruption of travel, deviation from the direct route, or where traveler delays at a place other than post of duty, a statement showing the facts should appear on the voucher.

\*If authority provides for travel to more than one point, time of arrival and departure from each should be stated in the body of the account in chronological order.  
 †If more than one rate of allowance is authorized, full statement of application of each rate must be given in some convenient place on this voucher.

DATE	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE (To be itemized by the day and fully explained)	SUB- VOU. NO.**	AMOUNT		NOTATIONS (Payee must not use this column)
			SUBSISTENCE	OTHER	
19. 45	Left Boston 11 p.m., 9 March 1945, arriving Wash., D.C., 8:10 a.m., 10 March 1945. Left Wash., D.C., 11 p.m., 11 March 1945., arriving Boston 8:10 a.m., 12 March 1945. Round-trip PRR ticket and Pullman (stubs attached)			44 74	
	Taxi to office, Washington.			50	
	Taxi from office to station, Washington.			50	
	Per diem from 11:00 p.m., 9 March 1945, to 8:10 a.m., 11 March 1945. Traveller actually stayed over in Washington, D. C., until 11:00 p.m. on the 11th and arrived in Boston at 8:10 a.m. on the 12th, but only for personal convenience. No per diem is requested for extra day.			17 50	

DECLASSIFIED  
 Authority 440 42589

COOL, Carleton S.  
 Major (Army)



**VOUCHER FOR PER DIEM AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT  
OF EXPENSES INCIDENT TO OFFICIAL TRAVEL**

D. O. Vou. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Bureau No. \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Office of Strategic Services  
(Department, bureau, or establishment)

THE UNITED STATES, Dr.,

To Carleton S. Coon

Address: Rm. 112, North Building

25th & E Streets N. W.,

Washington 25, D. C.  
(Official Headquarters)

32 Washington Ave., Cambridge,  
(Residence (For use of Postal Service only))  
Mass.

PAID BY

(For use of Paying Office)

FOR PER DIEM in lieu of subsistence, mileage for privately owned motor vehicle, and/or REIMBURSEMENT of travel and other expenses paid by me in the discharge of official duty from 30 March, 1945, to 2 April, 1945, as per itemized statement within, under authority No. 1953-45, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, copy of which is attached,\* or has been previously furnished with voucher No. \_\_\_\_\_, paid \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of disbursing officer)

AMOUNT

DOLLARS CENTS

\$ 10 50

(Payee will NOT use this space)

Differences \_\_\_\_\_

Account verified correct for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature or initials) \_\_\_\_\_

WOC Consultant

**MEMORANDUM**

Conyers Read

OSS Historian

The next previous voucher paid under the same travel authority was: D. O. Vou. No. \_\_\_\_\_, paid \_\_\_\_\_, (Date)

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (For completion by administrative office)

APPROPRIATION, LIMITATION OR PROJECT SYMBOL	APPROPRIATION TITLE	LIMITATION OR PROJECT	APPROPRIATION
		AMOUNT	AMOUNT
		\$ _____	\$ _____

ALLOTMENT SYMBOL	AMOUNT	OBLIGATIONS LIQUIDATED	COST ACCOUNT		OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION	
			Symbol	Amount	Symbol	Amount
	\$ _____			\$ _____		\$ _____

Paid by { Check No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ } on Treasurer of the United States  
{ Cash, \$ \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ } in favor of payee named above.  
SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY (Signature of payee)

\*If there was no prior authority state circumstances which rendered securing prior authority impracticable.

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority: 440 42589

COON, Carleton S.  
Major (Army)



# ITEMIZED SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES

1. Date and hour of departure from official headquarters ..... (Date) ..... (Hour)
2. Give duty status on first day of voucher period:  
Arrived at ..... on ..... 19.....  
for temporary duty for approximate period .....  
Approximate date of return to official headquarters ..... 19.....

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The provisions of the travel regulations must be strictly observed in order to avoid suspensions and disallowances of amounts claimed.
2. When subvouchers required by regulations were not obtained, state fully the circumstances showing reasons for omission.
3. If more than one rate of allowance is authorized, full statement of application of each rate must be given in some convenient place on this voucher.
4. Expenditures should be shown by the day and fully explained.
5. Time of departure and arrival from each point of travel should be stated in chronological order in the body of the account.

DATE 1945	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE	SUB- VOU. No.	AMOUNT		NOTATIONS (Payee must not use this column)
			SUBSISTENCE	OTHER	
3/30	Left Boston, Mass., by rail, with T/R attached, at 11 p.m., 30 March 1945, arriving 8:10 a.m., 31 March 1945 at Washington, D. C.				
4/1	Returned to Boston, Mass., by rail (2 Pullman stubs attached). Left Washington 11:00 p.m., 1 April 1945, arriving Boston, Mass., 8:10 a.m., 2 April 1945.				
	Per diem from 11:00 p.m., 30 March 1945, to 8:10 a.m., 1 April 1945. Traveller actually stayed over in Washington, D. C., until 11:00 pm on the 1st and arrived in Boston at 8:10 a.m. on the 2d, but only for per- sonal convenience. No per diem is requested for extra day.			17 50	
	Taxi to office, Washington.			50	
	Taxi from office to station, Washington.			50	

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Authority: 44 CFR 47589

COON, Carleton S.  
Major (Army)



**STATEMENT OF TRAVEL PERFORMED FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT IS NOT CLAIMED  
BY TRAVELER**

DATE OF TRAVEL	NO. OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST OR SPEEDOMETER READING	FROM—	TO—	VIA* (Kind of carrier or vehicle; also abbreviated name of the carrier)	CLASS OR MILEAGE†	AMOUNT
3/30/45	OSS 9,779	Boston, Mass.	Washington, DC and return (issued 17 March '45)	PRR and New York, New Haven and Hart- ford rr.	1st Cl.	
3/30/45	9,780	Boston, Mass.	Washington, DC	" "	Pullman (stub attached)	
4/1/45	9,781	Washington, DC	Boston, Mass.	" "	Pullman (stub attached)	

\*Railroad, steamship, airplane, bus, etc.

†Abbreviate class of service or accommodations used. Railroad: F, first class; I, intermediate class; M, mixed class; C, coach; P, Pullman accommodations; DR, drawing room; CP, compartment; BR, bedroom; SOS, single occupancy section; SEC, section; LB, lower berth; UB, upper berth; S, seat. By other mode: Number of miles traveled.

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority: 440 42589

COON, Carleton S.  
Major (Army)



D. O. Vou. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Bureau No. \_\_\_\_\_

U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Department, bureau, or establishment)

THE UNITED STATES, Dr.,

Dr., **Garleton S. Coon**  
To

Address: Rm. 11E, North Building

Address: 25th & E Sts. N. W.,

Washington 25, D. C.

92 Washington Ave., Cambridge,  
(Residence (For use of Postal Service only)) Mass

PAID BY

(For use of Paying Office)

FOR PER DIEM in lieu of subsistence, mileage for privately owned motor vehicle, and/or REIMBURSEMENT of travel and other expenses paid by me in the discharge of official duty from 16 March 1945, to 16 March 1945, as per itemized statement within, under authority No. 1003-45, dated 10 March 1945, copy of which is attached,\* or has been previously furnished with voucher No. \_\_\_\_\_, paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of disbursing officer)

(Name of disbursing officer)

(Payee will NOT use this space)

### Differences

Account verified correct for.

(Signature or initials)

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# MEMORANDUM

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## 028 Historians

The next previous voucher paid under the same travel authority was: D. O. Vou. No. \_\_\_\_\_, paid \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

(Date)

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Authority 6450 425889

# ITEMIZED SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES

1. Date and hour of departure from official headquarters ..... (Date) ..... (Hour) .....
2. Give duty status on first day of voucher period: .....  
 Arrived at ..... on ..... 19.....  
 for temporary duty for approximate period .....  
 Approximate date of return to official headquarters ..... 19.....

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

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DATE 19.....	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE	SUB- VOU. No.	AMOUNT		NOTATIONS (Payee must not use this column)
			SUBSISTENCE	OTHER	
3/16	Left Boston, Mass., by rail, with T/R attached, at 11 p.m., 16 March 1945, arriving 8:10 a.m., 17 March 1945 at Washington, D. C.				
3/18	Returned to Boston, Mass., by rail (2 Pullman stubs attached). Left Washington 11:00 p.m., 18 March 1945, arriving Boston, Mass., 8:10 a.m., 19 March 1945.  Per diem from 11:00 p.m., 16 March 1945, to 8:10 a.m., 18 March 1945. Traveller actually stayed over in Washington, D. C., until 11:00 p.m. on the 18th and arrived in Boston at 8:10 a.m. on the 19th, but only for per- sonal convenience. No per diem is requested for extra day.			17 50	
	Taxi to office, Washington.			50	
	Taxi from office to station, Washington.			50	

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority 440 42589

COOM, Gen  
Major



**STATEMENT OF TRAVEL PERFORMED FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT IS NOT CLAIMED  
BY TRAVELER**

DATE OF TRAVEL	NO. OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST OR SPEEDOMETER READING	FROM—	TO—	VIA* (Kind of carrier or vehicle; also abbreviated name of the carrier)	CLASS OR MILEAGE†	AMOUNT
3/16/45	033 9,761	Boston, Mass.	Washington, D.C.	PRR and New York, New Haven and Hartford RR.	1st Cl.	
3/16/45	9,760	Boston, Mass.	Washington, D.C.	PRR	Pullman (stub attached)	
3/18/45	9,759	Washington, D.C.	Boston, Mass.	PRR	Pullman (stub attached)	

\*Railroad, steamship, airplane, bus, etc.  
†Abbreviate class of service or accommodations used. Railroad: F, first class; I, intermediate class; M, mixed class; C, coach; P, Pullman accommodations; DR, drawing room; CP, compartment; BR, bedroom; SOS, single occupancy section; SEC, section; LB, lower berth; UB, upper berth; S, seat. By other mode: Number of miles traveled.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-23954-2

Paid by { Check No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, for \$\_\_\_\_\_ } on Treasurer of the United States  
 { Cash, \$\_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ } in favor of payee named above.  
 SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of payee)

\*If there was no prior authority state circumstances which rendered securing prior authority impracticable.

16-23954-2

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority LMD 42589

COOM, Carleton S.  
Major (Army)



VOUCHER FOR PER DIEM AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT  
OF EXPENSES INCIDENT TO OFFICIAL TRAVEL

D. O. Vou. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Bureau No. \_\_\_\_\_

U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
THE UNITED STATES, Dr.,  
To \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
25th & 8 Sts. N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

PAID BY \_\_\_\_\_  
(For use of Paying Office)

FOR PER DIEM in lieu of subsistence, mileage for privately owned motor vehicle, and/or REIMBURSEMENT of travel and other expenses paid by me in the discharge of official duty from \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, as per itemized statement within, under authority No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated 7 June 45, 19\_\_\_\_, copy of which is attached,\* or has been previously furnished with voucher No. \_\_\_\_\_, paid \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of disbursing officer)

AMOUNT	
DOLLARS	CENTS
28	50

(Payee will NOT use this space)  
Differences \_\_\_\_\_  
Account verified correct for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature or initials) \_\_\_\_\_

28 June 1945

WOC Consultant

MEMORANDUM

Congress Read

OSR Historian

The next previous voucher paid under the same travel authority was: D. O. Vou. No. \_\_\_\_\_, paid \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (For completion by administrative office)

APPROPRIATION, LIMITATION OR PROJECT SYMBOL	APPROPRIATION TITLE	LIMITATION OR PROJECT	APPROPRIATION
		AMOUNT	AMOUNT
		\$	\$

ALLOTMENT SYMBOL	AMOUNT	OBLIGATIONS LIQUIDATED	COST ACCOUNT		OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION	
			Symbol	Amount	Symbol	Amount
	\$			\$		\$

Paid by { Check No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ } on Treasurer of the United States  
{ Cash, \$ \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ } in favor of payee named above.  
SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY  
(Signature of payee)



# ITEMIZED SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES

1. Date and hour of departure from official headquarters ..... (Date) ..... (Hour) .....
2. Give duty status on first day of voucher period:  
 Arrived at ..... on ..... 19.....  
 for temporary duty for approximate period .....  
 Approximate date of return to official headquarters ..... 19.....

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The provisions of the travel regulations must be strictly observed in order to avoid suspensions and disallowances of amounts claimed.
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4. Expenditures should be shown by the day and fully explained.
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DATE 19.....	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE	SUB- VCH. No.	AMOUNT		NOTATIONS (Payee must not use this column)
			SUBSISTENCE	OTHER	
6/18	Left Boston, Mass., by rail, with I/R attached, at 11 p.m., 18 June 1945, arriving 8:10 a.m., 19 June 1945 at Washington, D. C.				
6/20	Returned to Boston, Mass., by rail. Left Washington 11:00 p.m., 20 June 1945, with accommodations to Springfield, Mass., but got seat on train and remained on, arriving at Boston, Mass., 8:10 a.m., 21 June 1945.				
	Per diem from 11:00 p.m., 18 June 1945, to 8:10 a.m., 21 June 1945.		27 50		
	Taxi to office, Washington.			50	
	Taxi from office to station, Washington.			50	

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Authority 4410 42589

COOK, Carl  
Major

**STATEMENT OF TRAVEL PERFORMED FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT IS NOT CLAIMED  
BY TRAVELER**

DATE OF TRAVEL	NO. OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST OR SPEEDOMETER READING	FROM—	TO—	VIA* (Kind of carrier or vehicle; also abbreviated name of the carrier)	CLASS OR MILEAGE†	AMOUNT
6/18/45	10,523	Boston, Mass.	Washington, D. C.	HR and WT, New Haven and Hartford rt.	Bedroom (stub lost. Check billing on this.)	
6/20/45	10,524	Washington, D. C.	Boston, Mass.	" "	Pullman (stub attached).	
6/18/45	10,522	Boston, Mass.	Washington, D. C. and return	" "	1st Cl.	

\*Railroad, steamship, airplane, bus, etc.  
 †Abbreviate class of service or accommodations used. Railroad: F, first class; I, intermediate class; M, mixed class; C, coach; P, Pullman accommodations; DR, drawing room; OP, compartment; BR, bedroom; SOS, single occupancy section; SEC, section; LB, lower berth; UB, upper berth; S, seat. By other mode: Number of miles traveled.

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Authority 440 42589



**VOUCHER FOR PER DIEM AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT  
OF EXPENSES INCIDENT TO OFFICIAL TRAVEL**

D. O. Vou. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Bureau No. \_\_\_\_\_

U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Office of Strategic Services

(Department, bureau, or establishment)

THE UNITED STATES, Dr.,

To Dr. Carleton S. Coon

Address: Harvard University

Peabody Museum

Cambridge, Mass.

25th & I Sts. N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

(Official Headquarters)

(Residence (For use of Postal Service only))

PAID BY

(For use of Paying Office)

FOR PER DIEM in lieu of subsistence, mileage for privately owned motor vehicle, and/or REIMBURSEMENT of travel and other expenses paid by me in the discharge of official duty from 19 April 1945 to 2 April 1945, as per itemized statement within, under authority No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, copy of which is attached,\* or has been previously furnished with voucher No. \_\_\_\_\_, paid \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of disbursing officer)

AMOUNT

DOLLARS CENTS

18 50

(Payee will NOT use this space)

Differences \_\_\_\_\_

Account verified correct for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature or Initials) \_\_\_\_\_

25 April 1945

Carleton S. Coon  
WFO Consultant

**MEMORANDUM**

Conyers Read

OSS Historian

The next previous voucher paid under the same travel authority was: D. O. Vou. No. \_\_\_\_\_, paid \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

**ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (For completion by administrative office)**

APPROPRIATION, LIMITATION OR PROJECT SYMBOL	APPROPRIATION TITLE		LIMITATION OR PROJECT	APPROPRIATION		
			AMOUNT	AMOUNT		
			\$	\$		
ALLOTMENT SYMBOL	AMOUNT	OBLIGATIONS LIQUIDATED	COST ACCOUNT		OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION	
			Symbol	Amount	Symbol	Amount
	\$			\$		\$

Paid by { Check No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ } on Treasurer of the United States  
Cash, \$ \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, in favor of payee named above.

SIGN  
ORIGINAL  
ONLY

(Signature of payee)

\*If there was no prior authority state circumstances which rendered securing prior authority impracticable.

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority 4409 42589

COON, Carleton S.  
Major (Army)



# ITEMIZED SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES

1. Date and hour of departure from official headquarters \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Hour)
2. Give duty status on first day of voucher period: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arrived at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_,  
 for temporary duty for approximate period \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate date of return to official headquarters \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The provisions of the travel regulations must be strictly observed in order to avoid suspensions and disallowances of amounts claimed.
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4. Expenditures should be shown by the day and fully explained.
5. Time of departure and arrival from each point of travel should be stated in chronological order in the body of the account.

DATE 19.....	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE	SUB- VOU. No.	AMOUNT		NOTATIONS (Payee must not use this column)
			SUBSISTENCE	OTHER	
4/13	Left Boston, Mass., by rail, with T/R attached, at 11 p.m., 13 April 1945, arriving 8:10 a.m., 14 April 1945 at Washington, D.C.				
4/15	Returned to Boston, Mass., by rail (2 Pullman stubs attached). Left Washington 11:00 p.m., 15 April 1945, arriving Boston, Mass., 8:10 a.m., 16 April 1945.				
	Per diem from 11:00 p.m., 13 April 1945, to 8:10 a.m., 15 April 1945. Traveller actually stayed over in Washington, D. C., until 11:00 p.m. on the 15th and arrived in Boston at 8:10 a.m. on the 16th, but only for personal convenience. No per diem is requested for extra day.			17 50	
	Taxi to office, Washington.			50	
	Taxi from office to station, Washington			50	

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Authority: 440 43589

COON, Carl  
Major



**STATEMENT OF TRAVEL PERFORMED FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT IS NOT CLAIMED  
BY TRAVELER**

DATE OF TRAVEL	NO. OF TRANS- PORTATION REQUEST OR SPEEDOMETER READING	FROM—	TO—	VIA* (Kind of carrier or vehicle; also abbreviated name of the carrier)	CLASS OR MILEAGE†	AMOUNT
4/13/45	OSS 9,962	Boston, Mass.	Washington, D. C. and return	PRR and NY, New Haven and Hartford rr.	1st Cl.	
4/13/45	9,963	Boston, Mass.	Washington, D. C.	" "	Bedroom (stub attached. Check billing on this.)	
4/15/45	9,964	Washington, D. C.	Boston, Mass.	" "	Drawing Room (stub attached. Check billing on this.)	

\*Railroad, steamship, airplane, bus, etc.

†Abbreviate class of service or accommodations used. Railroad: F, first class; I, intermediate class; M, mixed class; C, coach; P, Pullman accommodations; DR, drawing room; OP, compartment; BR, bedroom; SOS, single occupancy section; SEC, section; LB, lower berth; UB, upper berth; S, seat. By other mode: Number of miles traveled.

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Authority 4440 42589

CODY, Carleton S.  
Major (Army)

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 2042-45

## TRAVEL ORDER

Date April 2, 1945

Name Carleton S. Coon Title WOC Consultant  
Official station Washington, D. C. Office or branch Director's Office

You are hereby authorized to travel in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations and

during the period and for the purpose indicated below:

From Cambridge, Mass. to Washington, D. C. and return.

Date effective April 15, 1945 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Terminating approximately April 16, 1945

Purpose Official business for the Office of Strategic Services.

Mode of travel authorized as indicated below:

- ☒ Common carrier. ☐ Government vehicle.  
☐ Airplane ☐ Commercial. ☐ Vessel ☐ Commercial.  
☐ Military. ☐ Military.

Per diem allowance: \$10.00

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Special authority:

The number and date of this order must be referred to on your voucher claiming reimbursement for the expenses incurred.

Appropriation limitation .001

Allotment Account No. 1001-45-02

K. E. Woodring (Name)  
Chief, Finance Branch (Title)DECLASSIFIED  
Authority 440 42589COON, Carleton S.  
Major (Army)



HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Peabody Museum  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
June 22, 1945.

Mrs. Helen T. Linde,  
History Project, OSS,  
Washington, DC.

Dear Helen:

Here is the stub of my ticket to Springfield. I got on the train, bribed the blackamoor a buck, got up at 4 AM, and went into the lounge for Boston, and sat there reading until 8.15 AM, came home, and slept all day. I cannot find the stub of the ticket coming down, and can only conclude after an exhaustive search and by process of elimination that one Ethiop, Lethe Roy by name, tossed it away while pretending to clean my apartment at the Dorchester House on Wednesday morning. I might point out that my painful vigil on the lounge saved the govt. a few simoleons, which will without doubt make up for the use of a bedroom the other way.

With best regards,

*Carl*

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Peabody Museum  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
June 14, 1945.

Whitney H. Shepardson, Esq.,  
Office of Strategic Services,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Shepardson:

On next Tuesday and Wednesday, June 19 and 20, I plan to be in Washington in the capacity of a consultant for Dr. Conyers Reed's project. This will be my first visit in two months, and under present circumstances my last for an equal period. If you or Dr. Langer or both would like to see me on either of those days, I am at your service. I do not expect an answer to this letter, but will call your secretary when I arrive in Washington on Tuesday morning.

Most sincerely,

*Carl Coon*

Carl Coon

Telephones:  
office: KIRkland, 7600, ext 784  
home: KIRkland 3556

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COON, Carleton S.  
Major  
(Army)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

DIVISION OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Peabody Museum  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Helen:

I guess this is what  
was missing

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PS: THEY HAVE CHANGED MY TELEPHONE NUMBER TO KIRKLAND, 3556.  
Please tell Geogianna if she  
is still there.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Peabody Museum  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
June 11, 1945.

Dear Helen:

Thanx for the TR's. I am getting reservations thru Boston to go down the night of the 18th and return the night of the 20th. Now there is some question whether I will be able to go back on the 20th or have to wait over until the 21st; my wife has a lot of gear kicking around the nation's capital; if I can get it assembled and ready for despatching in two evenings I can leave on the 20th; otherwise the 21st. Therefore I would be very happy if you would make a reservation for me for the 21st, as an extra jib in case of rough weather. Also things may turn up in other quarters to keep me over; the spare will all in all be very useful.

Many thanx also for the dope from Frank Ball; my wife wants to know whether to put my uniforms away in moth balls or not.

I saw Crane Brinton in the faculty club the other day; but he was in a hurry and I didn't ask him how he liked Geoffrey's piece in the New Yorker.

Don't get too theatrical <sup>have time to</sup> now in your dressing room; and don't let Shirley, if she is still there, use up all the make-up. You might try a fake mustache on Geoffrey and a putty nose on Arthur Widom.

Best regards,

Ball



13 August 1945

20 August 1945

Travel Section

Helen T. Linde

Voucher for travel of Carlton S. Coon

Returned herewith is Dr. Coon's voucher for travel performed from 18 June to 21 June 1945, which you returned to him on 9 July for T. R.'s. Dr. Coon advised this office that he does not have the T. R.'s, and the recollection of this office is that they were forwarded with the voucher at the time it was originally sent to you. In any case, they apparently can not be located, and this is to request that reimbursement on this voucher be made as soon as possible.

Very best regards,

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COON, Carlton S.  
Major (Army)

550  
258-213  
13 August 1946

Dr. Carleton S. Coon,  
92 Washington Avenue,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Carl:

Thanks very much for your letter of August 3rd and its follow-up with the information from Richard Frye. The info was all passed on to Steve.

After passing on the McCowan sketch to the interested section, Steve noted the following regarding Frye:

"I know Frye and will be much interested in his further investigations of his subject. I wish him luck and urge him to be very circumspect."

We may follow-up later with a further request for info from McCowan.

It was swell having the three of you with us down here. I am now trying to figure out how to get up to Cambridge in September. Wish me luck.

Very best regards,

*Andrew*

For the Commanding Officers:

M. J. CUNNINGHAM,  
1st Lt., A.C.S.,  
Attn: Assistant.

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COON, Carleton S.  
Major (Army)



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HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
ROOM 23, 2324 F Street, NW  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

201-Coon, Carleton S. (O)

24 February 1944

SUBJECT: Travel Orders.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. Request necessary travel orders be issued authorizing

Major Carleton S. Coon, 0925129, AUS

to proceed on or about 27 February 1944 from  
Washington, D. C. to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

on temporary duty of approximately sixty (60) days  
duration, for the purpose of performing duty in connection with the  
O.S.S. activities. Upon completion of this temporary duty, officer  
should be directed to report to his proper station, Washington, D. C.

2. Request that travel by common carrier  
be authorized

3. It is requested that per diem of \$7.00  
be authorized.

For the Commanding Officer:

E. R. GASKILL,  
1st Lt., A.U.S.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

COON, Carleton S.  
for (Army)

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Form 21

No. \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

25-8  
23 February, 1944

REQUEST FOR TRAVEL ORDER

Name Carleton S. Coon ✓ Title Major, AUS ✓  
0-925129 ✓ Official Station Wash., D.C.

1. Itinerary and justification of proposed travel:

Leave Washington, D.C. on or about 27 Feb 1944 and proceed to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. reporting to Com. General San Diego Area for temporary duty with M.U. Upon completion return to Wash., D.C.

2. Duration of travel or authority requested approximately 60 days

3. Mode of travel (check "X")  
/in connection with O.S.S. activities

☒ Common carrier.

☐ Gov. Vehicle.

☐ Aircraft (Commercial)

☐ Aircraft (Military)

4. Per diem allowance recommended: \$7.00

5. Mileage basis ( 8¢ per mile ) :

6. Number of transportation requests required \_\_\_\_\_ Tax exemption certificates required \_\_\_\_\_

7. Estimated cost, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. Special provisions:

APPROVED:

*W. D. Davis*  
Appropriation and project 1141800.001 Salaries and Expenses, Office of Strategic Services, 1944 3101-44-02

(831C)

*J. C. Caskelly*

*not a recruiting trip  
Sgt. Denberg.*



C. O., Hq & Hq Det.  
Attention: Lieut. Gaskill  
Chief, SO

25-8  
8 April 1944

Travel Orders - Major Carleton S. Coon

1. Request cancellation of the subject's travel orders issued February 27.

For Chief SO:

1st Lt. Harold H. Bennett, AUS  
Army Liaison Officer, SSO

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Authority: HND 47589

COON, Carleton S.  
(Army)

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
Room 2047, Building Q  
Washington 25, D. C.

23 June 1945

Local Board No. 54,  
Middlesex County,  
Stow Street,  
Concord, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

It is requested that present Selective Service status be furnished this office, in triplicate, on the forms inclosed for your reply, on the following named individual registered with your board:

**Carleton Stevens Coon, Order No. 10325**

It is requested that reply be expedited, inasmuch as the above named individual is under process for a commission in the Army of the United States.

Very truly yours,

H. K. LENOCHER,  
2d Lt., A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

1 Incl.  
Form No. 541 (in trip).

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Authority NND 77589

COON, Carleton S.  
Major  
(Army)



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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

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TO: Lieut. H. K. Lenocker

DATE: July 8, 1943

FROM: Security Office *WSS*

SUBJECT: Coon, Carleton S. - BB 5649-W

In accordance with your request of June 28,  
1943 we hereby advise you that subject's  
security was approved by this office July 3, 1943.

*W. Howland*  
Weston Howland  
Security Office

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COON, Carleton S.

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 OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
 OFFICER'S PERSONNEL SECTION  
 Room 21, 2324 F Street N. W.  
 Washington, D. C.

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16 Dec 1944

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SUBJECT: Transfer of Officer  
 Theater Officer, FE

TO : Chief, SO Branch

1. ✓ Major Carleton S Coon 0925129 AUS asgd to SO-CBT

trfd out of this orgn per P 7 SO 287 WD actually

departed fr this orgn 4 Dec 1944.

2 Request that the above named officer be dropped fr all records on file at your office.

For the Commanding Officer:

C. M. CROSBY,  
 1st Lt., AUS,  
 Asst. Adjutant.

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 Authority AND 47589

ATTN:

Edward L. Bigelow  
 Lt. Col., AUS  
 Executive Officer, SSO

COON, Carleton S.  
 Major (Army)



OSS  
FORM 1035  
(Revised 23 Feb 44)

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

8 April, 1944

REQUEST FOR TRAVEL ORDER  
(Military Personnel)

Name Carleton S. Coon Title Major, AUS

ASN 0-925129 Official Station Washington, D.C.

1. Itinerary and justification of proposed travel: From Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. to Los Angeles, Calif., San Francisco, Seattle, Wash., Portland, Oregon and such other points in the 9th Service Command as may be necessary in the performance of temporary duty in connection with OSS activities. Upon completion of this temporary duty he will return to his official Station.
2. Duration of travel or authority requested From 8 April, 1944 for approximately 35 days.

3. Mode of travel (check "X")

☒ Common Carrier

☐ Govt. Vehicle

☐ Aircraft (Commercial)

☐ Aircraft (Military)

4. Number of transportation request required \_\_\_\_ Tax exemption certificates required \_\_\_\_.

5. Estimated cost, \$ \_\_\_\_.

6. Special provisions: Per diem allowance recommended \$7.00

APPROVED:

Edward L. Bigelow  
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Lt. Col., AUS  
Executive Officer, SSO

J. Cashell  
Appropriation and project 1241304001 Salaries and Expenses, Office of Strategic Services, 1944

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Major (Army)

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6. Special provisions: Per diem allowance recommended \$7.00

APPROVED:

Edward L. Bigelow  
Lt. Col., AUS  
Executive Officer, SSO

*E. Casbell*

Appropriation and project 1141300.001 Salaries and Expenses, Office of 3201-14-02  
Strategic Services, 1944

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COON, Carleton S.  
Major



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8 April, 1944

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APPROVED:

Edward L. Bigelow  
Lt. Col., AUS  
Executive Officer, SSO

J. C. Cashell  
Appropriation and project 1141300.001 Salaries and Expenses, Office of Strategic Services, 1944 3201-4402

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Major (Army)



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AGPD-B 201 Coon, Carleton S.  
(27 Jul 45)

10 September 1945

Legion of Merit

Commanding General  
US Army Forces, Mediterranean Theater  
APO 512, c/o Postmaster  
New York, N. Y.

1. Reference is made to your 1st Indorsement of 28 June 1945, forwarding recommendation of the Director, Office of Strategic Forces, 24 April 1945, that the Distinguished Service Cross be awarded to Major Carleton S. Coon, 0925129, Infantry, for his service from May 1942 to October 1943.

2. The recommendation has received careful consideration in the War Department and the Legion of Merit was deemed the appropriate award.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 20 July 1942, and the Executive Order No. 9260, 29 October 1942, the Legion of Merit was awarded by the War Department to Major Carleton S. Coon. The award will be announced in War Department General Orders and the decoration will be presented to Major Coon.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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Ge J. Valentine  
Adjutant General

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Copy for: Director, Office of Strategic Forces

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

16 July 1943

In Reply  
Refer to AG 201 Coon, Carleton Stevens  
(16 Jul 43) PR-A

SUBJECT: Temporary Appointment.

0-925129  
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TO: Mr. Carleton Stevens Coon,  
6 Whittemore Terrace,  
Wakefield, Massachusetts.  
Temp. Add: Office of Strategic Services,  
Room 2047, Q Building,  
Washington, 25, D. C.  
(Temp. Appointed Major AUS)

1. By direction of the President you are temporarily appointed and commissioned in the Army of the United States, effective this date, in the grade and section shown in the address above. Your serial number is shown after A above.
2. This commission will continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being, and for the duration of the war and six months thereafter unless sooner terminated.
3. There is inclosed herewith a form for oath of office which you are requested to execute and return promptly to the agency from which it was received by you. The execution and return of the required oath of office constitute and acceptance of your appointment. No other evidence of acceptance is required.
4. This letter should be retained by you as evidence of your appointment as no commissions will be issued during the war.
5. It is desired that you submit together with your oath of office a statement in writing showing the name of the State in which you were born.

By order of the Secretary of War:

- 4 I: 4 Inclosures:  
F: Form for oath of office  
D: D.S.S. Form 166.  
F: Fingerprint card.  
E: Envelope.

Copy for: Director, Office of Strategic Services. /s/ J. A. ULIO  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

a true copy, Carleton Stevens Coon Major AUS

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COON, Carleton S.



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WAR DEPARTMENT

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The Adjutant General's Office

Washington

16 July 1943

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(16 Jul 43) PR-A

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By order of the Secretary of War:

Copy for: Director, Office of Strategic Services.

/s/ J. A. ULIO  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

a true copy, Carleton Stevens  
Major AUS

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COON, Carleton S.  
Major (AUS)



S E C R E T.

From: Major C. S. Coon.

Subject: Special Report.

Distribution: ~~Mr. Gombosi, Mr. Gombosi, Mr. Gombosi~~

Gen. Donovan - W.D.  
Dr. M<sup>r</sup> Conaughy - J. Hall  
and then back to Mr. Scribner -

This is an excellent and interesting report on our screening (S) School-  
J. E. Buxton.

I agree, ~~particularly~~ with all of  
Comments, pg 4, 5 & 6.

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REPORT ON AREA S.

Area S  
Feb. 27, 1944.

x Coon, Carleton

To: Mr. Joseph Scribner.

From: Maj. C. S. Coon.

Introduction: I went to Area S as a student on Wednesday, Feb. 23, and returned to Washington on Saturday, Feb. 26. I took the entire course except for the obstacle race, which was considered too tough for my physical condition. Otherwise no distinction was made between me and the other students, until after the course was completed; then I stayed on a few hours and discussed various matters with the staff, as will appear later.

Plant: An old 100 acre plantation in Fairfax County, with 15 buildings, two brooks, a forest, fields, boxwood nursery, and other facilities. The main house is used for students; sleeping, messing, lounging, and classes. Also staff offices on 3rd floor. The other houses, barns, etc. are used in some of the tests.

Staff: Chief is Lt. James Hamilton, MD.

Head Psychiatrist, Dr. Richard Lyman.

Dr. Harry Murray                      Dr. Gingerelli

Dr. Belachi                              Dr. Fiske (Lt. Jg)

one other Dr.                              2 flunkies

5 enlisted men, former Harvard psych. students.

various and sundry colored people.

Food: Wonderful. real old southern cooking with all the trimmings, miraculously based on GI rations.

Curriculum: Two and a half days, three nights. They keep you humping from the moment you arrive there, never a dull moment.

This slacks off a bit toward the end, as it should. The students are under constant observation, various people are taking notes on their behavior, attitudes, etc. all the time. The staff has so much to do they seldom retire before 2 AM, and when I left were frantically using their one spare day scrubbing the floors and tidying up for the general's proposed or expected visit.

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Tests: The whole thing is one continuous test and it is hard to tell where one leaves off and the next begins. In general, however, it may be broken down as follows:

Medical Exam. Dr. Hamilton.

Psychiatric Exam: Dr. Lyman. time is saved by lengthy biographies which the students fill out about themselves. Lyman told me that some of the young OG boys there have such simple personalities that he can handle them in the time allotted; in the case of older more complex individuals, where anything is wrong, he can only diagnose in the time given, not cure. After all this is a testing area, not a hospital. I think he does a wonderful job.

Memory Tests: these include identifying pictures with names after having looked at each for 20 seconds; spending one and a half minutes in a room with a flashlight, and having to identify the objects in the room from a mass of other objects the next day; looking at a map for twenty minutes and answering questions on its strategic points several hours later.

Imagination and Creativeness Tests: Ten pictures are shown. Students have to write a ten minute short story about each. Other tests combine these qualities with leadership and cooperation.

Vocabulary Tests, and tests of general education and sophistication; many spot tests, usual style.

Deduction Tests: The student is given five minutes in a room which a man has just left, having spent the night there. Then, after examining objects left for five minutes, he is taken downstairs and examined. He is supposed to tell who the man was, where he came from, where he was going, his age, physique, general description, occupation, <sup>mar</sup>ital state, health, habits, tastes, hobbies, etc. in detail. Another test is to frisk a brief case in ten minutes and tell what the enemy agent who owned the case was up to and how to catch him.

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Leadership and Cooperation: ~~Three~~ men are chosen to form a team, and taken to the creek. On the other side is an anvil, also two big stones. They are given an axe and pulley, three ropes, and several short planks. They are told to get the three heavy objects across the creek. Elaborate notes are made on timing, technique, who tells whom what to do, who does what, etc.

The student is taken to a place where two sergeants are sitting, and a lot of pieces of overgrown meccano toys lie around. He is told to direct the sergeants to build a cage, in ten minutes, according to a diagram given. The sergeants are bastards of the first water. One is a mealy loquacious domineering type, the other lazy. No one gets the cage built. What is tested is to see how you deal with these two incomparable sons of bitches. How soon you get mad, give up, etc. I got mad as hell and flunked this.

A treasure hunt in the woods for a team of five or six, with one appointed leader, to get three pieces of a message and put them together. In my team the leader was speechless; I got all three privately. The score on cooperation in our team was zero.

Toughness and speed: Obstacle race in which you dash from clue to clue, jump out windows, climb ropes, leap streams, fall in, and people throw soft baseballs at you. A tough workout. I was not allowed to do this.

On the Spot Test: Each student is separately told to go in the dark to a certain house, look under a blotter, and get the first clue to a message hidden elsewhere. It is so rigged that each student is caught in the house and taken prisoner; conducted to a room where three men, invisible, sit behind a bright light shining in the student's eyes. A former criminal lawyer gives him an oral third degree. He is supposed to make up a cover story to explain his presence in the house. Marks on ingenuity in lying. Lots of fun. I am told I did well in this.

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Debate cum whiskey. The last night, two teams are chosen for a debate on what to do with Germany after the war. During the preparation and the debate itself, anyone can drink all he wants. Encouraged to help yourself, rye, rum, and brandy. A lot of fun and very instructive.

Remarks on Curriculum; There were other tests, but they came at us so fast that these are all that I can remember in any detail. The instructors, by these means, test speed of reaction and working speed, accuracy, memory, ingenuity, creativeness, toughness, leadership, cooperation, sophistication, general education, and they give an excellent line on the student's mental traits and background. In my opinion they are quite adequate to serve as a basis for classification in terms of work to be done.

The atmosphere of the school is very friendly and relaxing; the staff works very hard, but yet they work together with no sighs of tension or friction, and they pay much friendly personal attention to each student, without discrimination.

In my opinion this school is an excellent introduction for the new recruit to OSS; it makes him feel one of the gang, it braces him and puts him in a mood to put forward his best effort. As far as I could tell, living with them 24hrs a day, they all liked it. I heard no one crab about anything.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS:

(1) The staff has not been told enough about the different kinds of jobs these men may be given to do, so they do not know well enough what qualities to test for. I helped them in this as much as I could, but they need more information from men who have returned from the field.

(2) Since nearly 1/2 of the tests depend on a knowledge of the English language, the instructors have to discount the language factor in foreign students.

(3) Hamilton, Lyman, et al. want to bring in more machine tests of physiological reactions which can be objectively measured

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without language, since they are quite aware of the difficulty mentioned in (2). They already have some machines on order. This desire of theirs should be encouraged, since it will show such factors are response to fear stimuli, anger responses, dominance of personality, etc. more easily than some of the present tests. (4) At A-3 I was told that one student, William, who had been given a high rating at S, flunked his Pittsburgh scheme( penetration of Jones & McLaughlin plant for a dummy SO job, being caught, and given the works by fake FBI men) in that when they put the screws on him he broke down, jittered, and split at once. I do not think this is the fault of S. That is not what they are testing for. If they were to scare the men too much they would upset the rest of the program. Since office staff, signal corps people, etc. are all screened in S together with SO, SI, and OG candidates, it would be useful for relatively few individuals, and in my opinion this horror test is better confined to A-3 where it belongs, unless S can get a machine to test this quality without taking too much time or consciously upsetting the student too much. Otherwise such a test would unduly lengthen the course and upset the esprit de corps which S so successfully builds up. In my opinion, if the S instructors had been told exactly what SO men were to be tested for, in the light of field experience, I think they still could have spotted William. In any case William and his trouble serve to cast a light on some of the general problems of schools and training.

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have gone, and Staff Reid. There should be at least one veteran in each class of 18 students. It does not take long and it would <sup>give</sup> the staff priceless data on how to improve their work and that of the other areas. The best test of all will come when men initially screened at S and then sent on a job come home and are retested.

(6) I cannot praise these men, Hamilton, Lyman, Gingerelli, etc. too highly. I think that Area S is one of the highpoints of the OSS.

*Ray. Paulson S. Born.*

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HEADQUARTERS  
2677th REGIMENT  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES (PROV.)  
APO 512

24 April 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Distinguished Service  
Cross to Major Carleton S. Coon, Inf., AUS, Ret. O-925129

TO : Commanding General, MEDTO

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, it is recommended that the Distinguished Service Cross be awarded to Major Carleton S. Coon, Inf., AUS, Ret. O-925129.

2. Over and above the call of duty, and at great personal risk, between May 22, 1942 and October 6, 1943, Major Coon displayed extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. Major Coon, in the role of Special Assistant to the American Legation, Tangier, travelled over most of Morocco, often in civilian clothes, including both the French and Spanish Zones, at the risk of his life from the Gestapo and other enemy agencies then operating overtly under the German Armistice Commission in Casablanca and the German Legation in Tangier. His duties were to enlist the services of large native organizations in Spanish Morocco for the following purposes: to create a revolution in that territory in case the Spanish Army should move against the flank of the American invasion forces landing on November 8th, 1942, or in case the Spaniards should attempt to close the Straits of Gibraltar to allied shipping; to attack the Germans should their forces move southward from France across Spain to menace the Allied landing forces. This was a political operation of great delicacy and security value; it would have resulted in death should Major Coon have been caught.

3. During the same period he acted as courier between Gibraltar, Tangier and French Morocco, smuggling firearms, explosives, hand grenades, flares, and other incriminating material to the French resistance groups in the invasion ports for their use on D-Day. During the same period he also collected military intelligence from native sources, which he transmitted to Washington, and which were of great value to our forces in planning the details of the North African landings.

4. In January and February of 1943 Major Coon was engaged in an operation in Tunisia known as the Brandon Mission, in conjunction with members of the British Army Special Operations Executive.

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He saw action at Cap Serrat, where a small picked garrison of thirty to fifty men, of which he was a member, held the whole northern flank of the Allied line in Tunisia during a critical period.

This group, opposed by between four and six hundred of the enemy in mountainous forested country, held twenty-eight miles of territory between Sedjenane and the sea. Major Coon's personal activities during this period including winning over the native population to the allied cause, whereas before most of them had been hostile; in going alone on nightly expeditions in no-man's land to set booby traps and signal devices, to assure the safety of the garrison; in training, equipping, and dispatching two Arab agents with explosives sewn in their packsaddle to blow up a trainload of German troops between Tindja and Ferryville, which operation was successful.

As a result of these and other activities the local population was of active help in giving intelligence about the enemy, and in serving as guides; the enemy was held off until the critical period had passed; and a train containing several hundred German troops was destroyed.

In February, Major Coon was relieved from Cap Serrat and sent to Kassarine to perform similar services there, particularly in reference to the Arabs; he arrived just in time to participate in the battle of Kassarine Pass which began on February 12, 1943.

During these operations Major Coon suffered severe concussion and injuries to his nervous system when a building, into which he had gone after being machine-gunned by enemy aircraft, was bombed and collapsed.

5. While recovering from these severe injuries Major Coon was attached to the Fifth Army in Oujda, where under Colonel (now General) Edgar Howard, Assistant Chief of Staff G-2, Major Coon was made responsible for the defense of the Fifth Army territory against enemy saboteurs and intelligence agents coming from Spanish Morocco. Through his knowledge of local native peoples and their languages he and the men associated with him were able to prevent any single destructive act from being accomplished. When he left Oujda on May 8, 1943, after three months of service, Major Coon was given a letter of commendation signed by General Howard, a copy of which is attached.

6. On September 13, 1943, Major Coon landed with the first French assault wave on Corsica. This wave, under the command of General Henri Martin, included some forty American special personnel under Major Coon's command. Under his direction these American officers and men carried out continual combat and intelligence activities until October 6, 1943, the date of the fall of Bastia and the



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/s/ William J. Donovan,  
/t/ WILLIAM J. DONOVAN  
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24 April 1945

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TO: Commanding General, MHWFO

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3rd Ind. Division Commission in Casablanca  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES, Washington, D. C., 20 July 1945  
TO: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. Major Coon, as has been stated in the basic recommendation, served in a civilian capacity as an American representative at the outset of his operations and continued in that capacity until commissioned in the Army in July 1943. He was, however, a qualified agent of this office which operated under the command of the Theater Commander. As such, he was serving in that capacity with the army and consequently, it is believed that he fully qualifies for the decoration originally recommended.

2. It is further mentioned that it was determined that, for the period in question, it was deemed more beneficial to the Government to operate under the conditions above described.

*To: The Adjutant General  
23 July 1945*

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3. During the same period he acted as courier between Gibraltar, Tangier and French Morocco, smuggling firearms, explosives, hand grenades, flares, and other incriminating material to the French resistance groups in the invasion ports for their use on D-Day. During the same period he also collected military intelligence from native sources, which he transmitted to Washington, and which were of great value to our forces in planning the details of the North African landings.

4. In January and February of 1943 Major Coon was engaged in an operation in Tunisia known as the Brandon Mission, in conjunction with members of the British Army Special Operations Executive.

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This group, opposed by between four and six hundred of the enemy in mountainous forested country, held twenty-eight miles of territory between Sedjenane and the sea. Major Coon's personal activities during this period including winning over the native population to the allied cause, whereas before most of them had been hostile; in going alone on nightly expeditions in no-man's land to set booby traps and signal devices, to assure the safety of the garrison; in training, equipping, and dispatching two Arab agents with explosives sewn in their packsaddle to blow up a trainload of German troops between Tindja and Ferryville, which operation was successful.

As a result of these and other activities the local population was of active help in giving intelligence about the enemy, and in serving as guides; the enemy was held off until the critical period had passed; and a train containing several hundred German troops was destroyed.

In February, Major Coon was relieved from Cap Serrat and sent to Kassarine to perform similar services there, particularly in reference to the Arabs; he arrived just in time to participate in the battle of Kassarine Pass which began on February 12, 1943.

During these operations Major Coon suffered severe concussion and injuries to his nervous system when a building, into which he had gone after being machine-gunned by enemy aircraft, was dive-bombed and collapsed.

5. While recovering from these severe injuries Major Coon was attached to the Fifth Army in Oujda, where under Colonel (now General) Edgar Howard, Assistant Chief of Staff G-2, Major Coon was made responsible for the defense of the Fifth Army territory against enemy saboteurs and intelligence agents coming from Spanish Morocco. Through his knowledge of local native peoples and their languages he and the men associated with him were able to prevent any single destructive act from being accomplished. When he left Oujda on May 8, 1943, after three months of service, Major Coon was given a letter of commendation signed by General Howard, a copy of which is attached.

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A.P.O. 3464 U.S. Army

9 May 1943

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: Dr. Carl Coon

1. I wish to congratulate and commend you for the most effective manner with which you have performed your duties as special assistant to the A.C. of S., G-2, Fifth Army, for the past several months.

2. Your thorough knowledge of the North Africa Arabs, together with the energetic, loyal and conscientious performance of your duties have been of inestimable assistance to the Fifth Army.

3. I wish you every success and happiness in the future.

EDWIN B. HOWARD,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
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O.S.S. ACTIVITIES IN CORSICA

September 12th to October 5th, 1943.

At 6 o'clock Saturday evening, September 11th, General Donovan called me into his office. I had come to Magnol with my baggage in order to start from there to the airport since I was to leave on the 8.30 plane for Cairo. The General, in the presence of Colonel Eddy, asked me how I would like to go to CORSICA. In reply I said that I would like it very much, but that I did not know how this would affect the plans previously made for the Middle East Theatre. The General replied that such decisions were up to him, and if he wanted me to go to Corsica, the Middle East Mission would be taken care of. In reply I said that I would be glad to go, and he said: "The ship leaves tomorrow at 6 p.m."

I then went off to Station "A" where I informed Lieutenant Harris that he could go with me, this having been approved by Colonel Eddy in the meanwhile. Returning to Algiers we prepared to go to bed when Henry Hyde came in and announced that the ship would leave at 6 o'clock the next morning. This meant staying up all night to get prepared. Doing so involved going to Area "A", getting Lieut. Harris out of bed, and having him get together such explosives etc. as he could in the time available; going to Sinety to get together the equipment for the men; going to a place along the shore with Henry Hyde to pick up the radio operators; and getting the men together for about 5.30 a.m. ready for departure. It was a very hectic night, and we could hardly expect to make complete preparations in that time. We did not know what we would need in Corsica. We did not know where the two French battleships were going, whether they would land in the dark, or whether we would have to jump in the water; whether we would be met by Germans, Italians, patriots, or whom; whether we would have to "take to the Maquis", or enter the town. In other words, we were in complete ignorance of the military situation in Corsica, and had to prepare for all eventualities. We were told to travel light, and to take only the clothes on our backs, and no equipment other than weapons and rations for a few days.

The group consisted of myself, Lieutenant Harris, John Ffoulke (Levie), his brother Charles (Levie), Christopher, Felix and Claude. Claude and Felix had four radio sets equipped with batteries and two charcoal burning chargers. At the last minute we were told that we could not take one of the sets, and later on, before the ship sailed, Claude was taken away from us to go with another party - which he heartily resented.

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Returning to the chronological narrative, we presented ourselves at the dock at 6 o'clock, and prepared to go on board the "FANTASQUE", a French light cruiser or heavy destroyer which was to take us to Corsica. The dock was crowded with soldiers of the "Bataillon de Choc" who were also to go along. These were dressed in American uniforms with mostly British equipment, and the "Bataillon de Choc" sewn on their shoulders so that everyone could see who they were. They all carried British Commando knives, and stored their explosives, including such secret materials as booby trap releases, plastic, and so forth, in open boxes on the dock where everyone could see them. Although they themselves did not know where they were going, or at least had not been told, practically everyone in Algiers did, because a good many of them were Corsicans and speculation was rife, while Corsica was the obvious place for them to go. Security on the dock was nil. We were a little apprehensive of this as the morning went on, since the job of loading the ship did not progress as it should have, and since these men continued to sit and hang about the dock in full view of the people of Algiers. They should have been put on the ship immediately before departure and under cover of darkness. Only in that way could their departure have been a surprise. They hung around until noon, at which time they were loaded on trucks and taken away. There were also a number of Tirailleurs Marocains there who were similarly herded on to the dock and herded back again. The man who seemed to be in charge of this procedure was Commandant CLIPET who, unlike the others, was dressed in British battle dress. We presented ourselves to him, and Henry Hyde told us that he was to be in charge of our mission, and we were attached to him.

As the day wore on it became obvious that we were not going for some time. Clipet put off the start first at noon, then to 2 o'clock, then 6 o'clock in the evening, and then 9 o'clock, so after having been up all night, I went to Colonel Eddy's apartment and got some sleep. At 6 o'clock we all met again and went back to the ship. We did not know what time it was leaving, so decided to stay there so that we would not be left behind. We ate some rations on the deck, lay down and slept there. If we had known what time the ship was leaving, we could have employed that day and night making further preparations, seeing that our stock of explosives was what was needed, and seeing that we had the proper clothing and equipment and so forth; but since they kept putting us off, it was impossible for us to leave the ship long enough in any given time to do this.

At 9 o'clock Monday morning, the two ships, the "FANTASQUE" and the "TERRIBLE" set off, our ship, the "Fantasque" on the right and the "Terrible" on the left. We crossed the Mediterranean at a terrific speed of 32 knots all day. I ate in the Officers Mess. Eventually a British Ensign who seemed to be attached to the ship as Signals Officer, came rushing to the Captain saying he had received a message in clear as follows: "Expedition cancelled, return at once to base". The Captain leapt out of his chair and said, "This cannot be true, ask for a confirmation". "It was on the ship's wavelength, sir". "Nevertheless ask for a confirmation". "Yes, sir" said the Ensign. The Ensign came back in an hour saying that the message was for some other ship.

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As the afternoon wore on, we were told that the Germans had heard of our trip and had 45 Stukas waiting for us in Sardinia. Also that we were going so fast that the submarine detectors were not working. Finally night fell but there was a full moon and visibility was almost as good as in daylight. We kept a constant watch for submarines and listened constantly for airplanes. Anti-aircraft crews were constantly at their post and we had several alerts. One alert was probably caused by an American plane; we were not sure of this however. This plane kept out of vision and the range of our guns, but was clearly audible by the detectors.

As we approached Corsica, the "Fantasque" went ahead, and the "Terrible" astern, the latter developing some engine trouble, so we had to slow down. Eventually at midnight we came in sight of Corsica and the mountains of the Bay of Ajaccio loomed on either side. From afar we could see great fires burning on the mountains. The whole island seemed to be ablaze and we were puzzled to explain this. However, some of the boys who knew Corsica said this was an old custom to burn the Maquis during the dry season. However, they said that none of them had ever seen it done so extensively. It was not until we landed that we discovered that the Germans had that day set fire to the whole countryside by means of incendiaries, so that these fires were not only annoying the inhabitants but also set off Italian gasoline dumps and ammunition, which for the next few days were exploding every few hours all over that part of the island. We pulled up to the docks, and met a noisy reception party which had been waiting there all day for us. They were shooting off pistols and shot guns in the air, singing the Marseillaise, yelling, screaming and dancing with joy. They were lighting matches and flashing torches. Houses were lit up, and there was no attempt at black-out or any other form of anti-aircraft security. We fully expected any moment to have the Germans come in force from the air and wipe us and the docks out of existence. Why they did not do so is a mystery which I cannot explain, since everybody in Corsica must have known what was going on by that time.

General Mollard insisted on going ashore first, and after him Colonel Doleuse. After them, the Bataillon de Choc. We were told that we would have to leave the ship last. Consequently when we carried our equipment ashore we found the others lined up in front of the docks, and the General making some sort of a speech accompanied by rounds of applause from the population. We tried to be as quiet and inconspicuous as possible, and loaded our baggage on to a small wooden truck alongside the railroad station. A certain number of patriots immediately recognized both John-Jerome and Charles Levie; their cover lasted for about five minutes in Corsica. They greeted us in a demonstrative manner and volunteered to pull our waggon for us, since no horse was available. Hence we quietly departed without attracting the attention of the French officials who had ignored us completely, and made no provision for us whatsoever. With our small group of carriage pullers, we proceeded down the main street, whereupon a small procession formed of local civilians who wanted to march along with us. Before we had gone two blocks, we had formed the nucleus of a parade. One fat

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woman rushed out of a doorway waving a British flag and proceeded at the head of the procession in front of us prominently displaying it. Noone had the heart to inform her that she had brought out the wrong flag for our group, but after a few blocks she turned back and went home. People kept asking us if we would honour them by sleeping in their houses, and finally we accepted the offer of a doctor who had several rooms and a ward free in his hospital. Our friends dragged the waggon to the hospital where we promptly went to bed. One curious thing that happened that night was that along the street a Corsican child asked me for chewing gum. This amazed me since Corsicans had been cut off from North Africa completely since the beginning of the war. I could not understand how this North African practice had proceeded to Corsica in advance of our arrival.

During the week from Monday, September 13th to Monday the 20th, most of our time was spent in trying to solve the problems of housing, transport, and communications, which had to be taken care of before we could do any work of consequence.

Housing. We immediately requisitioned the annex to the Hotel des Etrangers, which was by far the most suitable and desirable place for Headquarters in AJACCIO. We employed one man named Dupont as day guard, and another man (whose name I do not recall) as night guard. These men were on the watch at the door at all times prepared to prevent with violence the entry of anyone without proper credentials. I established an office on the ground floor of this building, and allocated bedrooms to the staff. I also set aside one room for storage purposes. Felix installed himself upstairs and set up his radio. For food we ate in restaurants for the first few days, but this was very expensive, and eventually we sent our agents out to bring foods like hams, wine, cheese etc. so that we could eat in the house. We wanted to save our scanty supply of C rations for work on the Maquis. We had a telephone installed so that we could communicate with Commandant Clipet and General Henri Martin's office. So our housing was solved on the first day, and we lost no time in hiring an adequate staff of local patriots, most of whom had been family retainers of the two Levie brothers during their infancy. These retainers included Dupont, who was promptly nicknamed the "Shadow" - which name he accepted and by which he was called by everyone from then on; the night watchman; Antoine, who was a family chauffeur of the Levie brothers and chief of the Fire Department of Ajaccio; the "Shirt" known as Alex; and Sauveur also worked for us. Antoine's duties were to help us in the purchase of vehicles and in obtaining gasoline, and to act as general security officer. Antoine knew everyone in Ajaccio, and practically everyone on the Island, and was a man in whose judgment we could have implicit confidence and of whose loyalty there was no doubt. He was in a position to pass on the loyalty and discretion of anyone else with whom we might choose to have dealings.

The "Shirt" was our transportation officer, in charge of the maintenance of the cars, particularly the purchase of tyres, seeing they

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were in good repair and so forth. Sauveur ran our courier service between BASTIA and whatever point we might be using as headquarters. It was his job to drive up to the outskirts of Bastia, meet Christopher at some pre-arranged rendezvous, and drive back with full intelligence reports on the military situation in the Bastia area. He kept a constant chain going up until the time we moved into St. Florent, when Christopher came out of hiding and joined us. This was only four days before the fall of Bastia.

Transportation. As for transport, the "Shirt" began at once seeking out cars. I asked Commandant Clipet for the right to requisition some cars for my own group, and he said that I would have to go to Colonel Doleuse. I went to the latter who said that there were no cars and we could not have any. Knowing therefore that without transport we would be completely useless in Corsica, I proceeded to buy cars in the name of the American Government and obtained receipts for all of them. I bought an excellent Hotchkiss for 180,000 francs, a Renault for 140,000, a Chenault-Walker for 100,000, and a Peugeot for 80,000 francs. One week after we had bought the last of these cars, the French headquarters passed a decree that it was illegal for Americans or British personnel to purchase motor vehicles in Corsica. By that time however we had all that we really needed, though we did not have more than our share since all of these were in constant use. As for gasoline, the Italians had several million litres on the Island, but the French found it very difficult to get this away from them. I found this hard to understand because we had no difficulty whatever in getting gasoline from the Italians ourselves when we wanted it. When I first went to get gasoline through the French, they made all sorts of difficulties, and told me that I would have to get a "bon" from Colonel Doleuse, which I did. When I took this to the garage, I was told that no gasoline could be issued on Colonel Doleuse's orders, but that such orders had to come from the Bataillon de Choc. When I went to the latter's headquarters I was told that the gasoline belonged to them and that we had no right to it. After considerable discussion I was given fifty litres as a special favour. This was a drop in the bucket in view of our needs. I wanted to send Sauveur to Bastia with Christopher, though naturally I could not tell them of this. After this we began buying gasoline on the Black Market, and getting it from the Italians. I went to the Italian Colonel who lived in the Hotel des Etrangers and he telephoned an order to the Italian barracks to give us what we wanted. After that Antoine made a deal with the Italian Captain in charge to get gasoline for us in return for a small bribe. The "Shirt" and Antoine produced one big drum of gasoline which we used. They then bought five drums which they brought up to the house and set in the back yard. While we were away, French soldiers came and took this gasoline away, saying we had no right to it.

Our transportation problem therefore in the early period at least consisted entirely of getting cars, getting them in shape to run, and providing them with gasoline and oil. Also their batteries were all run down. We had to have them all re-charged and even had to have a battery made for the Hotchkiss, by a Greek battery maker on the water front.

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After the arrival of the OGs we borrowed two Italian trucks with drivers, and kept them with us indefinitely. The drivers were very pleased with our men and also the rations they received, and did not want to go back to their units. Since noone seemed to concern himself with this matter, we kept them, and as far as I know, still have them. I might say that the French showed lamentable inefficiency in solving their own transport problems. The Corsicans who had been hiding their cars from the Italians and Germans, continued to do so from the French. Cars which they could not conceal had been immobilized by removing wheels, tyres, batteries and so forth, and hiding these parts in their houses and other buildings. When the day came when they had to sell them, it was necessary to search in half a dozen places for the missing parts. It took the best part of the first week to get the cars in running condition. It was this which slowed us up more than anything else. However, we were able to place Christopher and get our courier service running the second day of our stay in Ajaccio, that is, Tuesday September 14th.

Communications. Communication between Corsica and Algiers and between the different posts in Corsica, was poor from the start. We were not the only ones to have difficulty however, since the British took some time to establish contact and lost it frequently. I think there must have been some atmospheric condition or other natural phenomena which inhibits communication between these points. Felix did not succeed in making contact with Algiers for several days, which annoyed us greatly because we had intelligence reports which we wanted to send, and also requests for equipment and supplies. We were forced to send such messages through the French who took a long time getting them through, and through the British. Felix could not make contact from the hospital, nor could he make it from the house; consequently I took him up in the mountains on two occasions, but that did not work either. However, he could hear Algiers very clearly all the time though Algiers could not hear him. He claimed - and Claude later made the same claim from the second station - that the operators in Algiers would not listen to them for more than five minutes, that if they had kept listening as long as they were supposed to, contact would have been established from the beginning. They also claimed that each time the position of the station was changed, contact was lost because the operators in Algiers were unwilling to dial widely enough in the area of the station frequency. Personally I am no radio man, and am totally unable to give an opinion on these matters. I suggest however that whoever is in charge of the Algiers W/T be told of these difficulties, and that every effort be made to find out what the trouble is. After Felix had established contact, I instructed him to remain in Ajaccio and keep in constant touch with Algiers, so that if the set which we used in the field did not work, we could still send messages back and forth by means of our courier service.

Claude came over several days after us, with Major Gillies' party. He was not happy with them, and tried to leave them to join us. I told him to remain at his post, since I had no authority to take



him on. Finally Major Gillies became disgusted with him, and told him he could join us if he pleased. Since we needed him badly, I was only too glad to accept this arrangement. He therefore moved forward with us after we left Ajaccio, and set up stations at Ponto Nuovo, Casta, St. Florent, and finally moved it to Bastia. Claude was ably assisted by two soldiers of the OGs.

I made one very bad mistake the first day, when we were in Ajaccio, by loaning a radio set to Commandant Clipet. I did this with the approval of both Felix and Ffoulkes who said that we did not need it, while Felix said that it did not work very well. If I had known as much then as I do now about this set, I would not have done so. I tried to get it back from Commandant Clipet, but failed after he gave me many evasive answers. Colonel Livermore knows the situation and will get the set back from Clipet as soon as he can.

At the beginning we signed intelligence reports by the joint name of "Corsairs". We thought this name would be sufficiently obvious to Algiers to realize that this meant the Corsican group. Later messages sent by me personally were signed by my own name. I tried to indicate in my messages where we were by giving the name of the town where we were established, but this apparently was not included in all messages. I believe that some of the messages which I sent by courier for transmission by Ajaccio were abbreviated by the staff left there, and this abbreviation may have caused some of the confusion in interpretation in the Algiers office. Also transmission was very poor. There were many garbles and it took some time to figure out the meanings of messages received. I presume that this was also the case at the Algiers end. Members of the staff in Ajaccio apparently sent a considerable number of messages which I never saw until I arrived in Algiers. It was very difficult to keep records of messages, because in the first few days, Felix burned all his papers, and when I asked him about them, he told me that he had been instructed to burn them. I then told him that as he was not an agent but a base operator, he should ignore these instructions - to which he agreed resentfully. In the field it was difficult to keep records since I had no place to carry papers except in my shirt pockets, which were already stuffed with Bank of France notes, which I could not leave anywhere else. On the whole, our communications system could not be called a success. We were only partially able to communicate with Algiers, and then our messages were not generally understood. I hope that it will be possible to modify this situation so that in future these two places will be able to communicate with each other. It was also impossible for our two stations "NAPOLEON" and "SICILY" to intercommunicate. The British had the same difficulty between their base and field stations. I suggest therefore that in countries like Corsica, where our radio operatives are not working under cover, we use larger and more reliable types of set than the small agent set which we carried, and which should be limited to under-cover use.

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successful effort in Corsica. The presence of the two Levie Brothers made this possible, for they immediately fell into the hands of a group of loyal family retainers, and friends of their father. John Jerome immediately despatched Christopher to Bastia, whence he maintained our intelligence service mentioned earlier, and he and Lieutenant Harris shortly after went to Levie and Zonza where they made contact with Commandant Pietri. An old friend of the Levie brothers' father, Pietri was the leader of the successful battle of Zonza in which the patriots defeated a much larger force of Germans - one of the three battles of any consequence in Corsica. This relationship with the patriots provided us with information in the Porto Vecchio region, and in a sense supplemented the data which we were receiving from the north. They also provided French documents such as Cartes d'identite, ration books, French stamps etc. which will serve a useful purpose in future operations into France.

#### S. O. WORK.

No S.O. work in the proper sense of the word was done in Corsica. By the time Lieutenant Harris had discovered Commandant Pietri, it was too late to find anyone to do demolition at Porto Vecchio. In Bastia it was impossible to find anyone to eliminate ships in the port. Furthermore we had trouble with the time delays in the limpets.

One of the chief reasons for our failure to do S.O. work was the presence and personality of Commandant Clipet, who discouraged the patriots, and forbade us to use explosives in areas in which we were interested. When we finally obtained permission from General Peake and General Henri Martin, to use our well-known explosive manure, we were unable to do so because the sergeant whom we sent to Porto Nuovo to obtain it, was sent away in a rude fashion by Clipet, and not permitted to enter the storeroom. As will be referred to later, we were unable to produce Molotov cocktails when wanted because of this incident and the lack of foresight on Clipet's part.

On our third day in Ajaccio, Lieutenant Harris and I went to the racecourse where the Tirailleurs Marocains were stationed, so that Lieutenant Harris could give them instruction in the use of the bazooka, of which they had twenty. However, he soon found these useless because the batteries had all run down and no one had thought to bring spares. Hence these important anti-tank weapons were useless in the Corsican campaign.

#### PATRIOT MOVEMENTS.

Like Major Gillies, we were supposed to make contact with patriots and do all in our part to help them in resistance against the Germans. Clipet however was officially in charge of the patriot

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activities. He and Lieutenant Petitjean, his extremely unpleasant boot-licking assistant, discouraged the patriot movement by their unfriendly and intolerant attitude. Clipet insulted Commandant Pietri to such an extent that the latter retired from the movement completely, vowing vengeance upon Clipet. I however kept Pietri's brother and four other men with us as members of our group to serve as guides and reinforcements for our OGs, and also to keep Pietri from carrying out his threat against Clipet. Since we knew that if anything happened to Clipet while his brother was with us, retaliation would take place. I told Clipet that the situation was serious and that I was doing my best to have him spared, but he laughed at me scornfully, and said that there was no need and he could just have Pietri shot.

Clipet and Petitjean, whenever they interviewed patriots left them standing while they personally remained seated. They called them by the second person singular, a title usually reserved for children and servants. They swore at them, screamed at them, and told them they were disreputable rabble, and dismissed them. I was personally present at a number of these interviews, particularly in Porto Nuovo.

Colonel Valentini was the head of the local patriot group at Porto Nuovo, but he was of little help because in accordance with the extreme provincialism of many Corsicans, he considered inhabitants of all regions more than ten miles from Porto Nuovo to be inhuman and deserving of extinction. When Corte was bombed, his remark was: "Good, that will teach those Corte people a lesson. I hope the town is laid flat." When our driver, Sauveur, brought us a piece of startling and extremely important intelligence concerning the German capture of Murato, and the shelling of San Pietro, both Clipet and Colonel Valentini called him a liar, and Valentini told him that Sauveur, being an Ajaccio man, was worthless, since all the people in Ajaccio were untrustworthy. If either Clipet or Petitjean had understood the parochial mediaeval mentality of the Corsican patriots, they could have employed them well, because these men were full of fire and determination to free their country from Axis domination. There is no wider gap however, in the mentality of European people than that between a product of the Paris suburbs like Clipet, and a feudal baron like Pietri.

Our own difficulties with Clipet were caused largely by his extreme rudeness. When Lieut. Col. Livermore came to visit us and I asked him to lunch at Porto Nuovo, Clipet remarked: "What do the Americans think this is? A family hotel?" Upon every occasion possible he made fun of our Ajaccio setup, and I heard him on several occasions remark that the Americans were not reliable, and that they never did anything useful. He did not bother to say these things behind my back, but quite openly.

When we moved to Casta, the incident of Clipet's failure to let us have supplies ensued. Then he sent Petitjean to ask me to assign three of our OGs to work for him as waiters in the French mess. I refused. Then Lieutenant Petitjean went up to our supply dump to draw a case of campo rations, and Sergeant Monti removed a case somewhat



violently from the bottom of a pile. I have three witnesses, British, American and French, who state that Petitjean was at least nine feet away from the case, that Monti did not act in anger, and that it was a perfectly normal procedure for taking a case of rations from the storehouse. Petitjean however went to Clipet with the story that Monti had raged at him, then thrown a case on his feet and crippled him. Clipet went to Major Gillies and related the tale to him. I consider this petty action a deliberate attempt on the part of Petitjean and Clipet to provoke an incident against us so that he would have some cause for complaint, since his own star was on the wane, and he knew that we were not pleased with him.

O.G.s.

The main part of our activities in Corsica is concerned with the OGs - thirty men and four officers sent from Algiers. They arrived on Friday night, September 17th, shortly after midnight. At 3 o'clock on Saturday morning I visited them at the schoolhouse where they were quartered. On Sunday I was able to present Captain Piteri and the three Lieutenants to General Henri Martin, who assigned us a definite territory in which to operate. He said that we were to harass vehicular traffic of the Germans between Casamozzo and a point about 40 kilometres to the south. In accordance with these instructions we all set out for Corte on Monday, September 20th, and spent the night there. Captain Piteri had already gone before and requisitioned rooms for the officers and a school for the men. After we arrived there, Commandant Clipet and Major Gillies appeared and said that they were going with us, so we shared our quarters with them, although this was not in accordance with General Martin's request. The next day we all proceeded to Porto Nuovo where we set up an officers mess and headquarters in Colonel Valentini's house, and all OGs camped under the trees near the railroad station.

Our first mission was to take place on Tuesday night. The Germans had occupied three houses on the mountains to the north of us, and it was Clipet's idea that we should send three parties of men to break into the houses and kill the Germans. Consequently, three groups were made up under the leadership of Lieutenants Giannini, Russo and Harris. Lieutenant Gordon had returned from Corte to Ajaccio. At the last moment when the men were ready to depart, we received news from the patriots that the Germans had already evacuated the houses, and there was no need for this expedition. On the next night, Capt. Piteri and Lieut. Russo were to lead a party of eight men to the railroad approaching Ponte Alban, where eight Germans were manning a machine gun nest at the entrance to a tunnel. This machine gun nest was preventing the Italians from moving on to Barqueta. We could only find one guide to take us to this post. The plan was for two men to sit above the nest with hand grenades and sub-machine guns, and to kill the Germans should they become aware of the presence of the rest of the party, while the others were to form two small groups and close in on the Germans from either side, so that they could kill them with knives. Only in case these groups were observed by the Germans and the Germans opened fire on them, were the men to use their hand grenades and weapons. One man and a guide sat up above in the position mentioned. The Germans were quite visible, and



these two men could have destroyed the nest very easily. However, Capt. Piteri and Lieut. Russo and their men got lost, and the guide would not let the enlisted man with him open fire on the Germans for fear of hitting the Piteri groups, or of warning the Germans of their presence. The enlisted man and the guide stayed there till dawn, after which they came home. Capt. Piteri and Lieut. Russo with their men wandered in the next day.

The next expedition was the second battle of Barqueta. The first battle of Barqueta consisted of a march by two battalions of Italians and a Colonel towards Barqueta, when the same eight Germans with their machine gun over Ponte Alban opened fire. The Italians fled. The Colonel returned to our headquarters full of fear stating that all his men with all their guns could not proceed down the road because there was a German in front of them. After this they left the region. At the time they left, the only Allied troops between Barqueta and Corte were our thirty men, for which reason we slept with our shoes on.

The next event was the arrival of the Goums in charge of Colonel Delatour. He proposed to Clipet that a party of our men should go out with his Goums for an attack on Ponte Alban, and Barqueta, to attempt with plastic grenades and Molotov cocktails to prevent any German armour from breaking through, at which point our men would destroy the vehicles etc. I asked Captain Piteri if he wished to go personally or send one of his officers, and if so, which one. He replied that Lieutenant Gordon should go. I mentioned to Capt. Piteri that Lieutenant Gordon was the only officer unfamiliar with that territory, but Piteri said it was Gordon's turn, and he should go. At dinner that night there was a Goum officer present who spoke English. I introduced him to Gordon, so that the two could discuss their plans of attack, since Gordon spoke but little French and the Goum no Italian. These two officers seemed to form an immediate liking for each other, and to get along very well. Later that evening all the Goums and our men were waiting near the railroad station for the signal to depart. Clipet told me that Gordon and his group would leave at 11 o'clock, and I warned Gordon of this. Later Clipet told me that the plan had been changed and the men would leave at 12, and I again warned Gordon. Then Clipet stated they would leave at 12.15, and I told Gordon not to go until Clipet and I had personally come to him with the officers whom he was to accompany. Gordon agreed. At 12.15 Clipet and I went to find Gordon and were told that he had left at 11.30 with the English-speaking Goum lieutenant. Clipet became furious of this, and made remarks about the unreliability of the Americans. It seems that the Goum lieutenant with whom Gordon went was to lead a front echelon of Goums. The group which Gordon was supposed to accompany would have taken a rear position. This is why Gordon and his group found themselves later in the very front line of attack instead of in the rear where they should have been. I cannot, after very careful thought, lay the responsibility for this mistake to any one source or person. General confusion of Clipet's frequent changes of orders, and linguistic difficulties, all played their part. I myself am partly to blame for having introduced Gordon to the Goum lieutenant, but when I did this I did not know that this

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lieutenant was to go in a different part of the expedition from Gordon. In fact, at the time I introduced them, I did not know that there were to be two separate parties at all, and I do not believe that this decision had been made at that time.

This man went with the advance Goums to the outskirts of Barqueta passing round Ponte Alban completely. Other Goums wiped out a machine gun nest, killing, wounding and capturing the Germans in it. At Barqueta our men took up a position in the ditch alongside the road. However, they were soon subjected to heavy and constant mortar fire which killed Marcelli and wounded Grasso, and forced the group to change their position to the top of the hill. Lieut. Gordon however, stayed down below, and when German vehicles started to come through, he stood out in the road by himself with two plastic grenades, destroying two vehicles, one of which was either a tank or armoured car, and the other a truck. Capt. Then of the Goums who witnessed this deed of valour, stated that it was one of the bravest acts he had ever seen, and in his opinion Gordon was wounded by the back blast from his own bombs. When our survivors returned I requested Capt. Piteri to send some others back to recover the wounded and if possible the dead. He did so, and between the OGs and the patriots attached to us, we kept a constant watch over the area for four days. However, the area in which the men lay was under constant mortar fire, and the bodies were not recovered until a week later. Then Marcelli's and Gordon's bodies were found, but Grasso was still missing. According to the men Grasso was only wounded in the arm, and had been given sulfa nilamide tablets, and had had his arm bandaged. Unfortunately, none of the boys had any water in their canteens, so Grasso had to swallow the pills dry.

After three days at Porto Nuovo the Goums decided to move north to the San Florent region, and we consequently shifted camp to Casta. I remained there with Major Gillies for two nights, but the relationship with Clipet became so difficult that I went to General Henri Martin and requested that I be allowed to join some other unit. He replied: "Certainly, you must remain with the Goums with whom your men so gallantly fought, and with whom they have already become so well acquainted." When the Goums therefore went to St. Florent, we moved our headquarters also, while the Generals, Major Gillies and Commandant Clipet remained at Casta. At St. Florent I made a reconnaissance of the German positions on the Tighime Pass and saw the Germans standing nonchalantly on the roofs of the houses in the pass which Italian artillery was pretending to be shelling. The Germans, it appeared, well knew that the Italians had no intention of hitting them. At St. Florent we spent two uncomfortable nights crouching in the doorway of our quarters while the Germans shelled the town with 88s. However, these shells did little damage. While at St. Florent an amusing incident occurred which will serve to illustrate the uselessness of the Italians in Corsica. An Italian captain strolled into the square with anger in his eye demanding the American Major. Several people standing around pointed in my direction. The Captain came up

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and asked: "Why did you have my arms taken away? I want my arms back". I replied: "What are you talking about?" He said that at Marina de Farinote on Cap Corse several boys with sten guns approached his company and demanded that they surrender their arms. He asked them upon whose authority, and they replied: "The orders of the American major", whereupon they gave up their pistols, guns, and so forth. "Why did you give them this order?" I replied that I knew nothing of such an order, whereupon he went round to everyone in the square telling them all about it, including Andre Maurois and Colonel Delatour. Soon the entire population of the square was in roars of laughter.

From St. Florent we sent out three groups, one with the British sergeant Istead and his mine detector to detect and remove mines on the beaches north of Cap Corse. The second group went with the Goums to stop vehicular traffic in the pass of Tighime. This second group was under the command of Lieutenant Russo. The third group, under Lieutenant Giannini, was to go on the road leading north from Barqueta to the small embarkation beaches, to stop vehicular traffic. All three returned without loss. The Giannini group reported that vehicular traffic on the Bastia road had ceased. The Goums took the Tighime Pass at heavy loss, and their bravery in action was remarkable.

The next day we moved our headquarters to Patrimonio, whence I accompanied Colonel Delatour on a trip to the Pass. We visited the wounded in an emergency hospital halfway up the mountain, and finally arrived at the top in the afternoon, when we joined Major Meric who had installed himself in a rather capacious foxhole overlooking the Pass. While there a pair of Messerschmidts machine-gunned the pass and our post, missing me by a few inches. The Italians who had come once they considered it safe, now fled down the mountain like a flock of grouse, while the Goums stood still and took their losses. Later, after Colonel Delatour and I had returned to Patrimonio, five Stukas divebombed the pass producing numerous casualties amongst both Goums and Italians, and destroyed three or four Italian vehicles.

The next day was the big push to Bastia, and the OGs were supposed to go in with the Goums to remove mines along the way. Hence I brought them forward with a French Tank Company for this purpose. This promised to be a sticky business because Sergeant Istead's mine detector had been ruined by the rain, and there was no other detector in Corsica. We marched down the eastward side of the mountain from the Pass, and came about 10 o'clock to a bridge which the Germans had blown up that morning. Here we had to leave our vehicles and proceed on foot. About this time, thirty-two American bombers flew over Bastia pulverizing the docks, and killing a number of civilians who were helping themselves to German food supplies stored there. The Germans had left before dawn, and had destroyed all their vehicles although they had not destroyed the food. A tanker was burning out in the harbour, and a number of explosions were heard as the barrels of gasoline went off. When on the outskirts of Bastia, we met an armoured

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car of Spahis coming from the other direction. They had already entered Bastia from the north and were coming up in our direction to meet us. They turned round and we rode into Bastia with them. The town was in miserable shape, having been bombed at least twice, and near the sea many houses were down and streets were full of craters. The American bombardment had injured if not killed a few Spahis and Goums who had arrived there too soon. As far as we could tell, the Germans had not boobyied the town, although they may have left some delayed action mines. When Colonel Delatour arrived, I presented myself to him and asked what he wanted our men to do. He replied: "Nothing, the job is finished. There are no mines to be removed."

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Christopher, Le Nen, ~~and last~~ Giusti, and so forth immediately began their work of finding quarters. They found quarters for the OGs in a school and a place for Claude in a house in order to set up his W/T. Having heard that Colonel Livermore was in Ajaccio waiting to relieve me of my command, I got into a car - a German-painted Fiat driven by a Corsican patriot who had stolen it from the Germans, and who at that point entered our employ. I wrote "U.S.A" on the side of this car, and took it over in the name of the American Government, at the same time employing the driver and making arrangements for him to have some semblance of an American uniform. He then drove us to Saint Florent by the long road round Cap Corse. This journey however, was subjected to frequent interruptions since at every village we were met by large crowds of civilians waving home-made flags of the United States, Great Britain and France, and offering us wine. We arrived at St. Florent at 7 o'clock and I drove the Hotchkiss all night to Ajaccio, arriving there in the morning of Tuesday, October 5th, where I was relieved by Colonel Livermore. I took the plane for Algiers at 3.20 and spending the night at Phillipville, arrived in Algiers Wednesday morning, October 6th, 1943.

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#### CONCLUSIONS

Several lessons were learned the hard way through this expedition:

Before sending a group into the field, the Commanding Officer and the wireless operators should know clearly what the intentions are for wireless communication. Adequate staff should be provided and adequate schedules should be arranged.

No one should be permitted to condense orders or messages handed in by the Commanding Officer, nor should any messages be sent without his knowledge either at the time of sending or subsequently.

All messages should be recorded. Radio operators should not be allowed to burn messages without the consent of the Commanding Officer.



Adequate transportation should be provided for personnel of any OSS mission in the field. Plans for this should be made in advance so that the minimum of delay takes place, otherwise the expedition is unable to operate. If possible, vehicles and fuel should be taken with the expedition, and if this is not possible, they should be able to requisition as rapidly as possible all suitable conveyances on the spot.

Personnel should be properly equipped for any emergency. Our men were sent without a change of clothing, without mess tins, and without the ordinary necessities, so that many of them caught cold and complained of rheumatism after sleeping on the ground.

Officers in charge should be taught how to place their camps, how to have latrines dug, how to camouflage vehicles, and so forth. A complete ignorance of these fundamental factors of living in the field was displayed.

The officers should be taught to keep their men and equipment together, and not scatter men and material all over the countryside.

Officers in command should take the responsibility for the care of their men, and of food and transport and so forth, so that the Commanding Officer is not obliged to keep reminding them to dig latrines, to get blankets, etc. I spent a large portion of my time doing what should have been a sergeant's work.

Operational group officers should not expect to find Waldorf Astoria conditions in every hamlet and village in primitive countries. They should not complain of their quarters having a slightly musty odour, or of other unfavourable conditions which they encounter.

In any patriot movement in any country in South or South eastern Europe, or elsewhere, people adequately trained in the mentality and culture of these areas, should be employed for liaison purposes. Men like Commandant Clipet should never be so employed.

Far from the great victory which the occupation of Corsica has been painted in the papers, it was largely an act of occupying territory which the Germans did not want. The Germans could have taken Ajaccio at any time had they so pleased. Strategically, their desire seemed to be to evacuate Sardinia through the eastern coast road of Corsica, and through the port of Bastia. This was accomplished with negligible loss of life in Corsica. They left as early if not actually when they wanted to leave, and the French moved in afterwards.

The Goums and our boys fought very gallantly and stood in great contrast to the behaviour of the Italians. The Italians can be counted on for two things: one, to delay our action and hamper us by blowing up bridges in front of our vehicles; two, by putting up road blocks in the way so that our trucks and trailers could not get through with the equipment needed to provide anti-aircraft protection for such places as Bastia.

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The Italians can provide us with excellent transport and skilled mechanics. They had adequate equipment, adequate supplies, and many skilled workers, but are completely unfit for fighting of any kind.

In my opinion, the French Forces are not competent to handle the invasion of Southern France by themselves if we are to judge by their performance in Corsica. They fought gallantly and well, but they have not enough equipment, they do not know how to handle or take care of equipment. They are very poor in matters of transport, and supplies, and there are not enough of them.

Men like Colonel Delatour and the Goums cannot be surpassed in the world for bravery, but there are not enough of them to match even the retreating tail-end of the Wehrmacht. American and British troops are needed for this job. If we had had American and British troops in Corsica we might have caught some of the Germans, instead of simply annoying them on their way out.

#### ADDENDUM

Lieutenant Harris has a calendar of our day-by-day activities in the Corsican campaign. This should be added to the present report as a supplement.

Other supplements should include Mr. Ffoulke's report on the patriot situation in the Zonza area, and my report on the Italian shelling of American "Fortresses" at Ponte Lecche; all of these documents are still in Corsica.

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SI SECTION ACTIVITIES

During the night of September 13th the French submarine "CASABIANCA" and two destroyers, "FANTASQUE" and "TERRIBLE" landed a French Shock battalion 450 men strong in the harbour of the city of Ajaccio. General Martin was in command of the expedition and had two staff officers, Col. Doleuse and Major Gambiese. General Mollard, the proposed Military Governor of Corsica, and Major Clepet, the representative of the French "2eme Bureau", were also part of the expedition. The accompanying American mission was under the command of Major Carl Coon and consisted of Lt. Harris in command of the SO section and Mr. Ffoulke in command of the SI section, which in turn consisted of the following agents: Captain Christopher, Charles and the W/T operator Felix.

The situation on the morning of September 14th was as follows:

OSS Headquarters were located in the "Annex de l'hotel des Etrangers" at Ajaccio where the radio sending station was also installed (communication with Algiers was only arranged a few days later). On the morning of the 14th

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Major Coon and I got in touch with the French Staff, also located in Ajaccio. An interview with General Martin disclosed the fact that he was very much worried about the existing military situation. Through him it was learned that in the immediate vicinity of Ajaccio, where the landings had taken place, the occupying Italian forces had retained an attitude of expectation. It was of course impossible to think of disarming these forces as they had an overwhelming superiority in armament and men (a total of 80,000 men stationed on the Island). It was believed that approximately 10,000 Germans were also stationed up and down the East coast between Bastia and Bonifaccio. The General explained that his staff was especially worried by rumors stating that the Germans were starting a drive on Ajaccio through Sartene and Ponte-Leccia.

As no organization existed at that time which was capable of obtaining the necessary information, General Martin left it to Major Coon to create such a service. This work was handed down to the SI Section of the Coon Mission.

The then existing uncertainty in Ajaccio made immediate action necessary. Due to lack of information the Shoc Battalion was at a standstill. The plans of the enemy had to be ascertained as soon as possible as fantastic and extravagant rumors were originating from Bastia and the exact positions of the Italians in that sector were not clearly defined.

Realizing that these rumors might be fact I decided to take advantage of the generally confused situation and set up throughout Corsica an intelligence network which would be directly connected with Ajaccio. If later the enemy were to occupy the whole of the Island, we could then establish our W/T operator in the immediate vicinity of Ajaccio and, leaving one agent

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in the city itself to coordinate intelligence received, sail out of Corsica.

Two agents, Captain Christopher and Charles, had received thorough training in our Algiers organisation and were at the disposal of the Mission. As the Captain was exceptionally well acquainted with the Bastia region, I decided to put him in charge of our first operation, hereafter known as the "Christopher Mission."

#### CHRISTOPHER MISSION

An experienced chauffeur was recruited to act as driver for Capt. Christopher. His task consisted in taking the Captain as near Bastia as possible and then acting as liaison with Ajaccio. The Captain would finish his trip on foot and enter the city over the mountains. Inside occupied Bastia Christopher would keep in touch with Sauveur (the driver) by means of a courier service which he proposed to organize. The necessary identification documents were prepared in Ajaccio by our services and on the evening of the 14th of September the Christopher mission left the city. They could go no further than Saint-Florent, a town some six miles outside of Bastia. The car was hidden near the entrance of the village and the Captain managed to get through the enemy lines during the night.

As foreseen, immediately upon his arrival the Captain was able to get in touch with a Gendarmerie Captain, an old friend, who was charged by the occupying German forces with the responsibility of maintaining civil order. This contact proved to be one of our best sources of information on the Bastia region. The first message from the Christopher Mission was brought to us by Sauveur on the morning of September 16th at Ajaccio.

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The liaison thus organized was carried on until the last days of the campaign. When on September 30th headquarters were moved up to Casta, a village some kilometres south of Saint-Florent on the Ajaccio Saint-Florent road, the presence of one of our agent and an intelligence network in Bastia became all the more important.

The Bombardments of Bastia, the port, the city and the landing ground at Borgo were organized on the basis of the information gathered by the Christopher Mission.

#### PIETRI MISSION

Leaving Christopher in Bastia, consideration was given to the South-eastern part of the Island. According to rumors, the region of Zonza was more or less under the control of a certain Major Pietri, a well known resistance leader. We were told this officer had been directing the fight against the occupants since the first days of their arrival.

On September 16th I decided to get in touch with Major Pietri in order to coordinate his organization with an information network throughout the Southern portion of Corsica. Major Coon remained in Ajaccio to maintain liaison with the French Staff, to receive all reports and to supervise the establishment of a radio contact with Algiers with which we were having great difficulties.

Accompanied by Lt. Harris and Charles we left Ajaccio in one of our cars on the morning of September 16th. As a German patrol was reported in the area we were proceeded by a car of armed patriots. After having escaped contact with the enemy, the village of Levie was reached at 1100 at the moment when a German attack was in full swing. This village, on the crossing of the

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main road which runs through Corsica from the north to the south and the cross-road leading from Ajaccio to Porto-Vecchio, was seemingly of great strategic interest to the enemy. A party of seven armoured cars and four trucks of motorized infantry leading out of the baccino tunnel had just begun the attack on Levie. The town was held by the Partisans of Major Pietri and Lt. De Perretti. The attack lasted an hour but the enemy were unable to make any advance. The patriots retained their positions after having inflicted heavy losses on the attacking elements. The remaining Germans then fell back on Porto-Vecchio, destroying in their retreat the bridges of Fumiccolli and the entrance to the Baccino tunnel.

We soon realized that Major Pietri's group of partisans, consisting of approximately 50 men, was the most representative group in the district. His Headquarters were located at San-Gavino, a village some kilometres north of Levie. Due to its strategic position this town immediately appeared to us to be an excellent spot from which to direct our agents to the South and Southeast.

After negotiations with Major Retri, he agreed to place his entire group at our disposal and from then on it was used as a "pool" from which agents were picked for work in the South. The methods of organizing an intelligence network, the type of information desired and the important points on which to focus were explained at length to Major Pietri.

On the evening of the 16th it was decided to send out two agents at once. The first, Docteur Rocca-Serra, was sent to occupied Porto-Vecchio as his father was mayor of the town. The second, Adjudant Pietri, was dispatched to the Solenzarra region with which he was very familiar. Two were sent to Ospedale where they alternated in keeping a day and night watch from this ex-

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ceptionally good position overlooking the entire Porto-Vecchio Bay. The Bay was used extensively by the Germans for their maritime traffic between Sardinia and Corsica. On September 17th a liaison between the Pietri Mission and our Headquarters in Ajaccio was established. For this purpose we recruited a motorcycle agent.

#### MISSION TO BONIFACCIO

One of the most important questions on which the Ajaccio staff wanted an answer was whether the German high command intended to evacuate Corsica. Getting an answer to this question was, therefore, a first priority. We already knew that the Germans were evacuating Sardinia as the traffic between this Island and Porto-Vecchio was increasing steadily. This question was closely connected with Captain Christopher's mission to Bastia. At that time the German Staff was located in the town of Bonifaccio, situated at the most southern tip of the Island. This port was also used for the evacuation of Sardinia. Captain Cristopher's first report indicated that German troops had embarked at Bastia that day by boat with their destination Genoa. Nevertheless, we thought it would be interesting to obtain from the German staff in Bonifaccio a confirmation of this report.

The daring method on the part of the executer was simple as far the planning of the operation was concerned. As Major Pietri, a Grand Officer of the legion of Honour which he won in the last World War, was well known to the Germans as ruthless anti-Italian Corsican patriot, we asked him to send an ultimatum to the German forces occupying the town of Bonifaccio demanding their surrender. This note was written by Major Pietri and signed by him.

On the night of the 17th Major Pietri sent a special messenger with his note to the German staff in Bonifaccio. When we bid him goodbye we had little

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hope of seeing him return. As we knew it would take at least three days for our messenger to get there and back, we decided to return to Ajaccio. Five days later our man returned bringing with him a note from the German staff. It was addressed to Major Pietri personally and read as follows: "The German troops in Corsica have received strict orders: they must keep out of incidents and must repulse any attack with all means at their disposal. Signed: Gen. Gussel."

This answer gave away German plans as far as Corsica was concerned and the letter was immediately rushed to General Martin in Ajaccio.

This report merely intends to broadly stress the organization of our intelligence service in Corsica. I have not mentioned all of the individual operations which took place from the North to the South and up and down the West coast of the Island. Our Headquarters were later moved from Ajaccio to Ponte-Nuovo and then to Casta and Saint-Florent. In this period our men were able daily to infiltrate through enemy lines and return. Many courageous acts were performed such as Lt. Pietri's of l'Ospedale who entered the German occupied town of Porto-Vecchio and brought four non-Fascist Italian aviation officers for one gold Louis a piece out of an Italian Fascist prisoner's camp. These men gave us valuable information on German movements and material.

Further, this report must not be considered complete as far as the entire mission is concerned as it deals solely with SI activities on the Island. It should be considered as a complement to Major Coon's report on OSS activities in Corsica.

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*Julien Simon*  
*per. all.*

*JEAN-JEROME FOULKE*  
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24 April 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Distinguished Service  
Cross to Major Carleton S. Coon, Inf., 408, Inf. O-58129  
TO: Commanding General, HQETO

In accordance with the provisions of AR 600-45, it is recommended  
that the Distinguished Service Cross be awarded to Major Carleton S.  
Coon, Inf., 408, Inf. O-58129.

3. Over and above the call of duty, and at great personal  
risk, between May 27, 1943 and October 5, 1943, Major Coon displayed  
extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against  
the enemy. Major Coon, in the role of Special Assistant to the  
American Legation, Manila, was the first of his kind, after in

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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES, Washington, D. C., 20 July 1945

TO: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. Major Coon, as has been stated in the basic recommendation,  
served in a civilian capacity as an American representative at the out-  
set of his operations and continued in that capacity until commissioned  
in the Army in July 1943. He was, however, a qualified agent of this  
office which operated under the command of the Theater Commander. As  
such, he was serving in that capacity with the army and consequently, it  
is believed that he fully qualifies for the decoration originally  
recommended.

2. It is further mentioned that it was determined that, for  
the period in question, it was deemed more beneficial to the Government  
to operate under the conditions above described.

During the same period he also collected military intelligence from  
native sources, which he transmitted to Washington, and which were of  
great value to our forces in planning the assaults on the North  
African landings.

4. In January and February of 1944, Major Coon was engaged  
in an operation in Burma, under the command of the British Division, in coordina-  
tion with members of the British Special Operations Executive.

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN  
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24 April 1945

This group, composed of between four and six hundred of the  
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**territory Cross to Major Carleton S. Coon, Inf., AUS, Ret. O-925129**  
**TO: the Commanding General, MEDTO**  
activities during this period including winning over the native population most of them had been hostile; in going alone on nightly expeditions in no-man's land to set booby traps and signal devices, to assure the safety of the garrison; in training, equipping, and dispatching two Arab agents with explosives sewn in their coats. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, it is recommended that the Distinguished Service Cross be awarded to Major Carleton S. Coon, Inf., AUS, Ret. O-925129.

As a result of these and other activities the local population was 2. Over and above the call of duty, and at great personal risk, between May 22, 1942 and October 6, 1943, Major Coon displayed extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. Major Coon, in the role of Special Assistant to the American Legation, Tangier, travelled over most of Morocco, often in civilian clothes, including both the French and Spanish Zones, at the risk of his life from the Gestapo and other enemy agencies then operating overtly under the German Armistice Commission in Casablanca and the German Legation in Tangier. His duties were to enlist the services of large native organizations in Spanish Morocco for the following purposes: to create a revolution in that territory in case the Spanish Army should move against the flank of the American invasion forces landing on November 8th, 1942, or in case the Spaniards should attempt to close the Straits of Gibraltar to allied shipping; to attack the Germans should their forces move southward from France across Spain to menace the Allied landing forces. This was a political operation of great delicacy and security value; it would have resulted in death should Major Coon have been caught.

3. During the same period he acted as courier between Gibraltar, Tangier and French Morocco, smuggling firearms, explosives, hand grenades, flares, and other incriminating material to the French resistance groups in the invasion ports for their use on D-Day. During the same period he also collected military intelligence from native sources, which he transmitted to Washington, and which were of great value to our forces in planning the details of the North African landings.

4. In January and February of 1943 Major Coon was engaged in an operation in Tunisia known as the Brandon Mission, in conjunction with members of the British Army Special Operations Executive, activities until October 8, 1943, the date of the fall of Bastia and the

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He saw action at Cap Serrat, where a small picked garrison of thirty to fifty men, of which he was a member, held the whole northern flank of the Allied line in Tunisia during a critical period.

This group, opposed by between four and six hundred of the enemy in mountainous forested country, held twenty-eight miles of territory between Sedjenane and the sea. Major Coon's personal activities during this period including winning over the native population to the allied cause, whereas before most of them had been hostile; in going alone on nightly expeditions in no-man's land to set booby traps and signal devices, to assure the safety of the garrison; in training, equipping, and dispatching two Arab agents with explosives sewn in their packsaddle to blow up a trainload of German troops between Tindja and Ferryville, which operation was successful.

As a result of these and other activities the local population was of active help in giving intelligence about the enemy, and in serving as guides; the enemy was held off until the critical period had passed; and a train containing several hundred German troops was destroyed.

In February, Major Coon was relieved from Cap Serrat and sent to Kassarine to perform similar services there, particularly in reference to the Arabs; he arrived just in time to participate in the battle of Kassarine Pass which began on February 12, 1943.

During these operations Major Coon suffered severe concussion and injuries to his nervous system when a building, into which he had gone after being machine-gunned by enemy aircraft, was dive-bombed and collapsed.

5. While recovering from these severe injuries Major Coon was attached to the Fifth Army in Oujda, where under Colonel (now General) Edgar Howard, Assistant Chief of Staff G-2, Major Coon was made responsible for the defense of the Fifth Army territory against enemy saboteurs and intelligence agents coming from Spanish Morocco. Through his knowledge of local native peoples and their languages he and the men associated with him were able to prevent any single destructive act from being accomplished. When he left Oujda on May 8, 1943, after three months of service, Major Coon was given a letter of commendation signed by General Howard, a copy of which is attached.

6. On September 13, 1943, Major Coon landed with the first French assault wave on Corsica. This wave, under the command of General Henri Martin, included some forty American special personnel under Major Coon's command. Under his direction these American officers and men carried out continual combat and intelligence activities until October 6, 1943, the date of the fall of Bastia and the

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final German evacuation from the island. Throughout this period Major Coon remained in a forward combat position with his men and personally directed their activities. Notable results of his mission were: combat, in association with the Moroccan Goums, at Barqueta, Monte Alban, and Tighime Pass; the infiltration of an agent into Bastia, who produced daily intelligence reports which Major Coon transmitted to AFHQ, Algiers and which resulted in a number of bombing missions from Algiers. These bombing missions on Bastia, the Borgo airport, and German ships and aircraft engaged in evacuating personnel and materiel from Corsica to Italy, resulted in the loss of several thousand enemy lives, and hundreds of enemy vehicles, including armor. On one mission alone seven enemy ships, including one laden with munitions, were destroyed in Bastia Harbor. Major Coon was thus responsible for obtaining the only tactical intelligence from Corsica which was used in large scale operations, and this intelligence had much to do with the success of the Corsican campaign.

7. After these operations and as their direct result, Major Coon was physically incapacitated, evacuated to the United States, and retired from the Army on January 12, 1945.

8. This recommendation is based on the personal knowledge of the undersigned officer, and from official reports on file in the Office of Strategic Services.

9. All of Major Coon's service since these acts has been honorable.

10. Major Coon's present address is 6 Whittemore Terrace, Wakefield, Massachusetts.

11. Major Coon entered the army from Washington, D.C.

12. This recommendation has been held in abeyance until this time in order that there be no possibility of compromise of the security of comparable activities being carried on in other areas.

Colonel, G.S.C.,  
A.C. of S., G-2

William J. Donovan,  
Director

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9 May 1943

SUBJECT: Commendation  
TO: Dr. Carl Coon

1. I wish to congratulate and commend you for the most effective manner with which you have performed your duties as special assistant to the A.C. of S., G-2, Fifth Army, for the past several months.

2. Your thorough knowledge of the North Africa Arabs, together with the energetic, loyal and conscientious performance of your duties have been of inestimable assistance to the Fifth Army.

3. I wish you every success and happiness in the future.

EDWIN B. HOWARD,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
A.C. of S., G-2

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2 May 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Recommendation

TO: Colonel Edward J. F. Glavin  
Commanding Officer (Prov)  
Headquarters Company  
2677th Regiment OSS (Prov)  
Caserta, Italy

1. The attached recommendation for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Major Carleton S. Coon has been signed by General Donovan and is forwarded so that it can be submitted in the Theater.
2. The War Department has requested that we submit such cases through the Theater so that it will not be necessary for them to submit them to the Theater Commander for his comment which would be necessary if we submitted it directly to the Adjutant General here.

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2 May 1945

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TO: Colonel Edward J. F. Glavin  
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27 April 1945

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COON, Carleton S.  
Major  
(Army)



MEMORANDUM

27 April 1945

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TO: Director, OSS.

1. The attached is forwarded for your approval and signature.
2. The facts contained in the recommendation have been obtained from files, reports and from Major Coon.
3. If you approve, we will pouch the recommendation to Caserta to be submitted through the theater.

FRANK L. BALL, JR.  
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MAJOR CARLETON S. COON

MEMORANDUM

From May 1942 to November 46, Major Carleton S. Coon

27 April 1945

in the role of Special Assistant at the U. S. Consulate at Tangier

TO: Director, OSS.

was occupied in soliciting the services of various native organiza-

tions in Spanish Morocco. This was an extremely delicate

operation, and he acted at great personal risk to his life. The

subject was to be submitted to the U. S. Army for the

French Morocco for the use of resistance groups.

In January, February 1945, he was in the Moroccan

Operation with members of British SOE at the border and the

exile Pass. During these operations a small picked group, of

which he was a member, covered an extraordinary length of front

under combat conditions at the imminent risk of being captured or

wounded. During this period trained two Arabs and sent them

through enemy lines to blow up a train full of German troops

between Tindja and Ferryville. This operation was successfully

carried out and the Arabs returned.

During these operations, Major Coon suffered concussion

and injuries to his head when a building into which he had gone

after the aerial machine-gunning was disintegrated.

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MAJOR CARLETON S. COON

From May 1942 to November 42, Major Carleton S. Coon in the role of Special Assistant at the U. S. Legation at Tangier was occupied in enlisting the services of various native organizations in Spanish Morocco. This was an extremely delicate operation, and he acted at great personal risk to his life. The object was to create a revolution in that territory in the event the Spanish should move against the U. S. Torch Forces, or the Germans should move against us through Spain.

Major Coon also smuggled grenades, and other arms into French Morocco for the use of resistance groups.

In January, February 1943, he was engaged in the Brandon Operation with members of British SOE at Cap Serrat and the Kassarine Pass. During these operations a small picked group, of which he was a member, covered an extraordinary length of front under combat conditions at the imminent risk of being captured or wiped out, thus convincing the Germans it was held in force. Major Coon during this period trained two Arabs and sent them through the enemy lines to blow up a train full of German troops between Tindja and Ferryville. This operation was successfully carried out and the Arabs returned.

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Major Carleton S. Coon

On September 13, 1943, Major Coon landed with the French Assault wave in Corsica; there he was in action with Goums with Colonel de Latour and remained in a forward position at Tigherne pass under continuous enemy fire for two days before entering Bastia on October 6, 1943. While in Corsica he obtained and transmitted to AFHQ Algiers information which directed the bombing of Bastia and the Borgo Airport, which led to the loss of many enemy lives, and much enemy transport and armor, and which had much to do with the success of our Corsican campaign.

as Special Assistant to the A.C. of S., G-4, Fifth Army, for the past several months.

2. Your thorough knowledge of the North African Arabs, together with the energetic, loyal and conscientious performance of your duties have been of inestimable assistance to the Fifth Army.

3. I wish you every success and happiness in the future.

EDWIN B. WENARD,  
Colonel, G-2, G-4,  
A.C. of S., G-4

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY  
A.P.O. 3464 U.S. Army

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: Dr. Carl Coon

9 May 1943

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EDWIN B. HOWARD,  
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Box 2401, Washington, D.C.  
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- EDWIN B. HOWARD,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
A.C. of S., G-2
- Since my job does not require a special examination, and since I am already doing it to the satisfaction of my employers, there seems no need for a special examination.

Sincerely,

*Carlton S. Coon*  
Carlton S. Coon  
Major, AGO

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COON, Carlton S.  
Major (Army)



Box 2601, Washington, D.C.  
November 23, 1944

U.S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

In response to the instructions at the head of Standard Form No. 57, which is enclosed, I am writing this letter to state why I am not applying for a specific civil service examination.

I am to be employed as an historian, a position which I currently occupy. I have been doing this work for the last five months, and my present project has not been completed. Since I am being discharged from the army, it is the wish of those in charge of this project to keep me on it until it is nearly or finally completed. It is my intention to return to my duties at Harvard University in March, 1945. The present application covers the period between my putative discharge from the army and that date.

Since my job does not come under any formal civil service category, and since I am already doing it to the satisfaction of my employers, there seems no need for a special examination.

Sincerely,

  
Carleton S. Coon  
Major, AUS

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